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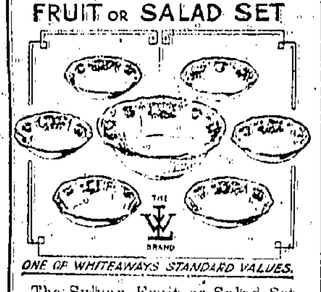

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TROUBLE AT HANKOW.

"Grave Anti-Foreign Movement."

CUSTOMS WORKERS' UNION.

General Strike Makes Great Progress.

FEAR OF AN "INCIDENT."

British Government Watching Situation Closely.

The trouble at Hankow was raised in the House of Commons yesterday when the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replying to the Leader of the Opposition, dwelt upon the gravity of the situation.

Serious Developments.

Rugby, Nov. 29.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was questioned in the House of Commons by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Leader of the Opposition, regarding the condition of affairs at Hankow. He replied that serious developments in the situation had taken place there during the past week and a grave anti-foreign movement appeared to be at work.

HANKOW TROUBLE.

American Warships Move.

Shanghai, Nov. 30.

The Flotilla Leader Keppel went to Hankow this morning. The American destroyers "Peary" and "John D. Ford left yesterday.—Reuter.

A union of the lower grade employees of the Chinese Maritime Customs was formed on November 21 with the support of the superintendent who was a Chinese official. This union had announced that its aim was to oust the foreign element from the management of the service and bring it under purely Chinese control.

The Commissioner of Customs hoped it might be possible to keep the Customs House open and maintain the light service for foreign nations, but this might be difficult. The Custom House, which was in the Chinese City was picketed.

"Situation Easier."

The latest report was that the situation in some respects appeared to be easier. The union had presented its demands, and these were not expected to be of an impossible nature, though it might be that they were only a preliminary move.

At the same time the general strike had made great progress. Chinese servants of Japanese were already on strike, and Japanese had had to import their food supplies from other centres.

The Communist section was showing great activity, and there was a fear of a general strike being forced. This, if carried out, would throw out of employment thousands of the lower grade workers, and it would be easy to incite these to riot. The situation was being watched by British Government.

Bloodshed Feared.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, replying to a further question, said the Foreign Office had received a cable from the British community at Hankow stating that the situation was very grave indeed, that they were in daily expectation of an incident which would involve bloodshed, and that the naval forces were not adequate for protection of the community, and asking the Government to give an assurance that these forces would be strengthened. Sir Austen Chamberlain said that this appeal was under the consideration of the Government, including the Admiralty.

In official circles in London it is pointed out that Hankow is easily defensible. Though it is 800 miles from the mouth of the Yangtse, the River at that point is a mile and a half wide, and comparatively large battleships can lie off the waterfront.—British Wireless Service.

Customs Position.

London, Nov. 29.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Leader of the Opposition, whose first appearance it was since his return from abroad, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, referred to the grave anti-foreign movement at Hankow, including the aims of the newly-formed union of the lower grade customs employees.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the Commissioner of Customs hoped to keep the Customs House open and maintain the lights service with foreign labour, but this might be difficult if the Customs House were picketed.

The latest report showed that the situation in this respect was somewhat easier. The union had presented demands, but these were understood not to be of an impossible nature, though possibly this was only a preliminary move.

Naval Forces.

Sir Austen Chamberlain mentioned the latest facts about the progress of the general strike movement and Communist activities. He hoped to afford Mr. Ramsay MacDonald information on December 1 if he would repeat his question.

Replying to Mr. H. W. Looker, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that a British request from Hankow for the strengthening for the naval forces there was being considered by the Government and Admiralty.—Reuter.

[Mr. Herbert William Looker has been Unionist M.P. for Essex since 1924. He came to Hong Kong in 1895 to join the local firm of solicitors now known as Deacon's. He was admitted a partner in 1900 and retired in 1919.]

Views of "The Times."

London, Nov. 29.

The seriousness of the Cantonese advance in China is emphasised in a leader in the "Times" which says that it is a very serious and urgent matter to the foreign interests, especially British which are now very greatly endangered and for the British Government there is at the present time in the international sphere no more urgent question.

Measures, it says must be taken immediately to protect British nationals who are endangered on the Yangtsze and it must clearly be foreseen that the opportunities of provoking further conflict are innumerable and that the worse enemies of Britain are watching to take advantage of them.

He adds that hesitation is a very dangerous policy for all, and that to trust vaguely in some ultimate Chinese reaction by anti-Bolshevists is wholly unprofitable, for by the time the reaction comes there may be very little left for us to save and the state of China herself will be appalling.—Reuter.

Naval Forces Being Landed.

Shanghai, Nov. 29.

Following threats of a general strike at Hankow against foreigners, the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has received annoymous threatening letters demanding that a strike be called here.

A message from Hankow of November 28 says shipping employees and the municipal policemen have threatened to strike unless certain demands be granted.

Naval forces are being landed to-morow to maintain order.—Reuter.

Priest Captured.

Peking, Nov. 29.

Disbanded soldiers captured the Belgian Father Peteen last week in the bishopric of Sui-yuan, Shansi.

The French Legation, which has always been responsible for the protection of Belgian missionaries, has protested to the Foreign Office, urging that measures be taken to obtain the Father's immediate release.—Reuter.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

Scottish Clans at Ball To-night.

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To-day is St. Adrew's Day.

Needless to say the interests of Scottish residents—and their friends — will be centred in the Ball and dinner at the City Hall to-night where the spirit of revelry will hold sway till the small hours of the morning.

A Scottish battalion of infantry is in Hong Kong. The occasion will be properly honoured to-night as indicated below.

The decorations are on a lavish scale, no effort having been spared by Mr. George Duncan and his Committee to transform the building into a veritable winter-garden. Needless to say, the Lion Rampant ensign and Cross of St. Andrew were very much in evidence, whilst the Ferguson and Leslie Clans have been introduced where possible by way of compliment to the Chieftain and the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Entrance Transformed.

The main entrance hall has been completely transformed and now resembles a pergola, festoons of greenery being suspended from the ceiling and encircling the pillars.

A large mirror, surmounted with the Scottish national flag and a large illuminated thistle, stands at the top of the staircase. The main feature of the reception room is a large picture of the fifth Duke of Gordon draped with Gordon tartan.

The main halls have been carried out in a scheme of blue and white, with shields of the various Scottish clans at appropriate intervals around the walls. A huge St. Andrew's Cross practically forms an artificial ceiling.

Touch of Glasgow.

The dais, which has been erected under the portrait of the Queen, is surmounted on either side by the arms of the Ferguson and Robertson clans—being those with which the Chieftain is most intimately connected.

The small card room has been decorated with blue and gold Naval pennants, and forms a pleasing contrast to the other scheme.

Supper will be served in the Theatre Royal which has been completely transformed for the purpose. The Chieftain's table has been set upon the stage, to the rear of which is to be seen a view of the West End Park at Glasgow, with Glasgow University in the foreground.

Welcome by Pipers.

The gallery has been draped with Mackenzie tartan, with a number of shields, claymores and dirks at intervals. One hundred large pots of chrysanthemums are banked up on either

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CANTON SURPRISE.

General Li Chai-sum, at present acting commander-in-chief at Canton, whose troops have arrested the chairman of the Strike Executive.

CANTON SURPRISE.

MILITARY ACTION AGAINST STRIKERS.

Chairman Arrested.

SEAMEN'S UNION LEADER DETAINED AT HEADQUARTERS.

Much significance is attached to the arrest, by the highest military authority in Canton, of the chairman of the Executive of the Strike Committee and four other delegates who have all along had an active voice in the management of the boycott of Hong Kong.

Orders by Command.

On Sunday night, a detachment from the headquarters (in Canton) of the commander-in-chief (General Chang Kai-shek) was sent out to make the arrests.

Mr. So Shiu-ching is the Strike chairman, sitting on the Executive of delegates as the representative of the Seamen's Union.

In the 1922 shipping strike at Hong Kong, he was one of the leaders. Subsequently one of his colleagues fell into disgrace following a scandal, and the first general secretary of the Hong Kong Union seceded after a dispute which culminated in a stormy meeting in the Des Voeux Road headquarters, at which the Police were present.

Who the Chairman Is.

Mr. So presided at that momentous meeting and since then has been head of the Seamen, with offices at Canton.

When the Strike began last June, he became chairman of the Strike Executive, the highest position in the movement.

Earlier this year, some of the delegates who sat on the Strike tribunal were detained by the Nationalist Government but what happened to them is not definitely known.

Mr. So was also the spokesman of the strikers when a delegation of Hong Kong Chinese merchants went up last year to explore the possibilities of a settlement.

Speculation Rife.

Three weeks ago, the Strike headquarters at East Garden, Canton, were destroyed by a fire. A committee of investigation reported that "enemies of the movement" had committed arson.

The present opinion is that accusations were laid against the Strike Executive by two bodies. Formerly it had been alleged that several millions of dollars had to be accounted for, and a semi-official announcement followed to the effect that an authoritative statement of accounts would be presented when ready.

Speculation is rife as to the motive behind the arrest of Mr. So. In the circumstances the Canton Government can hardly be expected to make a statement, at least until investigations are complete.

Merchants' View.

The report, it is interesting to note, says that Mr. So and his four colleagues are under close detention at general headquarters.

Merchants, of course, regard this incident in the light of the Canton authorities making a definite move to curb boycott agitation, it having been announced that the Nationalist policy is to preserve communications.

This is only surmise and, in the light of developments in other directions, can only be treated as such.

SEAMEN'S TROUBLE.

Canton Government Not to Intervene?

Intimidation — it is called "peaceful picketting"—continues against intercourse with the Steamboat Co.'s vessels and wharves at Canton.

Other than providing armed police to preserve order generally at the wharves, steps have still to be taken to curb the activities of ex-seamen strikers, who are alleged to be sponsored by their Union.

The seamen want the dismissal of certain members of the crews in addition to their own reinstatement and a deadlock has been reached in the negotiations.

From a reliable source the "China Mail" learns that an important decision will be reached to-day or to-morrow when, acording to original arrangements, the ex-seamen would have been taken back.

In Canton circles it is not expected that the authorities will take any action in the matter, pending other possibilities of an understanding.

OTHER DIFFICULTIES.

Problems for Nationalists to Solve.

Several other difficulties are engaging the attention of the Nationalist and the Canton (municipal) Governments.

The four Chambers of Commerce have petitioned the Municipality to take precautions to protect the public food supply, in view of the portents of the present general strike at rice shops.

The waterworks dispute is still outstanding.

In connection with the removal of the seat of Nationalist Government from Canton to Wuchang, a number of obstacles "behind the scenes" remain to be cleared.

One section of the officials are stated to be not in favour—although not openly opposing—the drastic change. Their argument is that Kwangtung is the home of the Party and is still the most important province.

Military Powers.

Gossip is also busy with the delay in the assumption by General Li Chai-sum of the post of head of the Military Department.

General Li is acting commander-in-chief of the Canton garrison, in the absence of General Chang Kai-shek. He is also the commander of the 4th Nationalist Army, two divisions of which (the 10th and 12th) have won the highest honours in the war.

The disposition of the Canton Navy is blamed for the delay. The present Commander of the Navy is reported to be reluctant to go under the control of General Li and he is said to have communicated with General Chang Kai-shek in the matter.

The creation of the new department of military affairs was approved of by the last Kuomintang Conference in Canton.

RUBBER CLAIM.

YIELD FROM A WILD PLANT.

COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES

Bogota, Colombia, Nov. 29.

According to a Riohacha message the Venezuelan consul, Rodriguez Arcia, after experimenting for fifteen years, has discovered a process for extracting rubber for commercial purposes from a new plant growing wild all over Colombia. The Minister of Industry has sent a commission to investigate.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast for all local districts is:—moderate E. winds, cloudy!

At 11.22 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased slightly at the majority of stations. The anticyclone has been absorbed by a larger one, central over S.E. Mongolia. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

RUBBER COUPONS.

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

"NO TIME LIMIT."

London, Nov. 29.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. E. T. Campbell, the Secretary of State for Dominions and Colonies, Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery said that no time limit had been fixed for the validity of rubber coupons issued to the small holder prior to November 1. A rubber estate might carry forward from the last restriction period to the new any unused export rights.

With regard to the existence of unused rights and unused rubber coupons, reassessment of standard production was made annually, in this respect the twelve months beginning November 1 and it might be assumed that the authorities of Ceylon and Malaya would take into account the actual export figures on the different estates as far as reasonable.

Asked whether he thought the problem as a whole could be better dealt with by allowing coupons in this respect to be released when the rate of 100 per cent. could be used when rate was 70 or even 60 per cent., Mr. Amery said he would have to consider all the facts of the case.—Reuter.

MORE RUBBER.

American Hopes in the Philippines.

The "New York World" of October 10 says:—

"In taking leave of the Philippines Col. Carmi A. Thompson confined himself to courteous remarks such as the occasion required. He pleaded that with propriety he could not discuss matters to be considered in his report to Mr. Coolidge. This access of reticence reveals him as a man of discretion and good taste. Yet after three months of touring and speech-making from Manila to Mindanao and back, what more could there be left for this magnificently press-agented traveller to divulge?

"Col. Thompson was sent to the Philippines as official observer for Mr. Coolidge under instructions, written or verbal, that have not been revealed. But we may assume that in what he has seen and said during his stay in the islands he has not made it his business to disregard his instructions. Certainly, from the reports of the faithful correspondents who have dogged his steps, he has done nothing to dampen the hopes of American promoters that the Philippines are to be turned over to them for rubber-growing; nor has he been misled, by the temptation to flatter the natives, into indicating that it is any part of the purposes of the Coolidge Administration to look favourably upon their aspirations for national independence.

"The great blessing of Providence, apparently, for which the Filipinos have waited all these years is the exploitation of the soil by American capitalists whose hands are set on growing rubber as a patriotic service. This will make necessary radical changes in the Philippine land and immigration system; it must assuredly retard the day when a business Administration at Washington can conceive of the Filipino people as fit for self-government. If Col. Thompson can set down these conclusions in terms so pleasant as to assure the enthusiasm of would be American rubber growers and to conciliate the Filipinos, who still look for good faith and honest dealing at Washington, he will work miracles."

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A DUTCH HONOUR.

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PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

It has pleased Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina to appoint Mr. Lo Chung-wan, compradore of the Netherlands Trading Society in Hong Kong, an Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau by Royal decree of September 2.

The presentation of the insignia of the Order was performed at the Netherland Consulate-General on Saturday by Mr. M. J. Quist, the Netherland Consul-General, in the presence of relations and friends of the recipient, leading members of the Netherland community and other foreign friends.

The Consul-General addressed the gathering as follows:—

"We have come together to-day in order to honour our good friend, Mr. Lo Chung-wan. I believe that it has gradually come to the notice of you all that Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, our August Sovereign, has been pleased to appoint Mr. Lo Chung-wan an Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau in the early days of September last. This news, I am sure, has caused general satisfaction in the Dutch Community.

20 Years' Service.

"The reason why this honour has been conferred on our esteemed Chinese friend is no secret. He has been connected with the said Bank—which, by the way, celebrated its centenary just over two years ago—for over twenty years, first for a short period as the second compradore, thereafter as the first. In all those years, you, Mr. Lo Chung-wan, have given entire satisfaction to the Bank and have assisted throughout in enhancing the position of the Bank here. I do not know all the agents or acting agents personally under whom you, Mr. Lo, have worked, but from my vice-consular days in Hong Kong I remember many words of praise from Mr. van Rees, Mr. Wijnberg, Mr. Deknatel and others, and lately from Mr. Groskamp, Mr. Herbschleb and, last but not least, from Mr. Maassen.

"I am certain that in any foreign firm in China and Hong Kong, but especially in banking, the activities of a good compradore tend greatly to promote the business and I do not utter idle or flattering words when I state on this occasion that you have proved, in the long period of your connection with the Bank, to be an 'A1.' Man and to be the right man in the right place. It is quite natural that through such happy circumstances your name has been brought to the notice of Her Majesty the Queen for an honorary distinction, but I would give secrets away if I stated who are responsible for the initial recommendation.

Object of Order.

"Let it suffice, dear Mr. Lo Chung-wan, that your reputation comes well within the meaning of the rules of the Order of Orange Nassau. This High Order has been instituted to honour those, Netherland subjects and foreigners alike, who make themselves of special use and benefit to the Crown, the State or Society in general and that you have done so, you have fully proven in your more than 20 years' connection with the Bank. We present hope that it may be given to you to enjoy the ownership of the order for many years to come and that you will continue for a goodly number of years to extend your co-operation to the Netherlands Trading Society. I will now, Dear Mr. Lo Chung-wan, invest you in the name of the Queen with the insignia of an Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau."

The Consul-General having pinned the decoration on Mr. Lo's coat, the English text of the foregoing was translated into Chinese by Mr. Li Tsan-fan, the Secretary Interpreter of the Consulate-General, himself a Chevalier in the same Order.

Thereafter, the Consul-General proposed the toast of the Queen, which was duly honoured.

This toast was followed by another in honour of the newly appointed Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau.

Mr. Lo Chung-wan expressed his deep gratitude for the high distinction bestowed on him, and asked that his profound thanks therefor may be transmitted to Her Majesty the Queen, which wish Mr. Quist promised to comply with.

N.K.K.

At the general meeting of shareholders of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, held yesterday, the draft for the division of profits during the first half of the year was passed. The profits of the Company is over Yen 959,000.—Toho.

COTTON MARKET.

Production Exceeds Consumption.

The Manchester weekly market report issued by James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., on October 27 states:—

As was anticipated the Bureau figures again showed a great increase on the previous report, 17,454,000 bales being the crop anticipated by the latest report. This would be the largest crop ever grown. There have been only two crops that have exceeded 16,000,000 bales, only three above 15,000,000. During the past two years production has increased much faster than consumption. The movement in America to take several million bales off the market is not taken seriously here, although the present market price is under production cost. Against the foregoing a report is being circulated that the Bankers' Association has sent out an ultimatum to farmers informing them that they must reduce the cotton acreage or risk curtailment of financial support.

A well known American statistician suggests that 17,600,000 bales will be absorbed at current rates by world's consumers this season and this may tend, with farmers holding back and developments of financial assistance to restrict a material downward tendency. The large estimate has not had the effect that might be imagined, as a matter of fact spot cotton yesterday was quoted higher than before the Bureau report, which would indicate that the position had already been discounted. The fact remains that buyers do not appear to have settled down and in some cases do not quite know where they are.

A very considerable enquiry is reported for a variety of cloths, and a confident air prevails that shortly buying on an extensive scale will commence. If the coal strike could be removed it is certain that a good volume of business could be tackled.

Enquiries from India have been very frequent with limits in most cases below cost, and as soon as buyers abroad realise the position a more reasonable lot of offers will no doubt be made.

China at present is outside business worth mentioning.

Other markets report moderate sales.

Home trade sales are stated to be satisfactory. Yarns show an improvement. Spinners of American counts have sold rather more freely and in some instances bulk business is mentioned. The firmer attitude of American is reflected in Egyptian, raw material and yarns.

ANGLO-GERMAN TRADE.

Important Industrial Conference.

Rugby, Nov. 29.

Resumed conversations between representatives of the Federation of British Industries and the German Federation of Industries will take place in London on Friday and Saturday.

The object is to discuss to what degree and in what manner these organisations can co-operate for a continuance of the mutual interests of the industries of their respective countries. Discussions, which will be strictly ad referendum, will be between the two organisations as a whole and, not between representatives of individual industries.—British Wireless Service.

LAND SALE.

On December 6 at 3 p.m., 11,000 sq. feet of land at Stubbs Road (near Craigmin Road) will be sold by public auction at the P.W.D. office.

The upset price is $1,320 and the annual rental $64.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			Nov. 25, 1926.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾脊	lb.	32	24	12
" Prime Cut		"	32	23	12
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	32	23	12
" Roast	燒肉牛	"	32	24	22
" Breast	牛腩	"	26	20	18
" Soup	湯肉	"	26	20	18
" Steak	牛肉排	"	32	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛柳	"	45	30	35
" Sausages	牛腸	"	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	65	50	60
" Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	"	80	60	—
" Head	牛頭	"	$1.20	—	$1.20
" Heart	牛心	"	24	13	14
" Hump, Salt	牛腩	lb.	34	20	18
" Feet	牛蹄	each	12	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腰	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	"	30	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	"	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭蹄	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	55	26	—
" Leg	羊脾	"	55	26	—
" Shoulder	羊手	"	52	24	—
" Saddle	羊鞍肉	"	52	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	"	40	—	27
" Brains	豬腦	Per set	3	—	12
" Feet	豬蹄	lb.	18	15	—
" Fry	豬什	"	24	15	18
" Head	豬頭	"	18	20	—
" Heart	豬心	each	14	10	10
" Kidneys	豬腰	"	13	10	8
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	50	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	"	36	25	23
" Leg	豬腳	"	38	—	—
" Loin	豬�select	"	44	60	70
" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	23	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭蹄	per set	90	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腰	"	15	12	10
" Liver	羊肝	"	48	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛油	"	32	20	18
" Mutton	羊油	"	55	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	"	36	20	19
" Sausages	牛仔腸	"	40	20	20
" " No. 1		"	32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯇魚	lb.	26	19	24
Bream	鯛魚	"	34	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	(塘魚)(名城淡海鮮水)	"	36	18	16
Carp	鯉魚	"	49	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	"	28	12	9
Codfish	雪魚	"	39	20	25
Crabs	蟹	"	49	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	"	28	16	2
Dab		"	39	23	16
Dace	黃顴魚	"	14	10	9
Dog Fish	鹹肚沙	"	37	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	"	42	16	—
" Fresh Water	淡水鰻	"	32	10	18
" Yellow	黃鱔	"	74	26	30
Frogs	田雞	"	66	32	25
Garoupa	石斑	"	78	40	30
Gudgeon	白鱔	"	24	18	15
Herrings	鯖魚	"	26	22	18
Halibut	牛尾甲魚	"	26	18	23
Labrus	黃花	"	36	22	18
Loach	鳥龍	"	79	22	24
Lobsters	蝦	"	58	32	21
Mackerel	巴弋魚	"	34	20	25
Monk Fish		"	55	32	23
Mullet	鯔魚	"	32	18	2
Oysters	鮮蠔	"	35	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚公魚	"	29	14	9
Perch	鱸魚	"	34	20	15
Pike	花斑魚	"	16	16	9
Plaice	鰈魚	"	62	28	14
Pomfret, Black	黑鯧魚	"	57	26	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧魚	"	59	36	30
Prawns	蝦	"	35	36	45
Ray	堅巴魚	"	16	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑魚	"	23	13	18
Roach	鯽魚	"	36	22	16
Salmon	馬鮫魚	"	79	36	30
Shark	沙魚	"	14	8	10
Skate	鱆魚	"	16	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	"	58	26	35
Snapper	立魚	"	67	32	30
Soles	鰨魚	"	36	28	28
Tench	丸魚	"	24	22	18
Turbot	左口魚	"	35	18	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	龜	"	$1.25	40	—

Poultry.

			Nov. 25, 1926.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	45	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	"	45	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線雞	"	50	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	40	22	21
Doves	班鳩	each	28	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	28	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	35	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	55	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	40	36	24
Geese	鵝	"	40	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	45	30	—
" Hoihow	海口鴿	"	32	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	80	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	65	51	45
Snipe	沙追	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	$2.00	—	—
Quail	鶉	each	30	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	"	90	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	合仁	lb.	45	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	糕山香蕉	"	5	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	14	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	12	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	7	0
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	7	8	0
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	36	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	10	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	15	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	16	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	4	3	4
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	14	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	20	—	15
Grapes	葡萄子	"	45	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鴨芝竹	each	10	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽豆	lb.	5	—	7
" Long	豆角	"	15	8	—
Beet Root	紅菜頭	each	3	8	8
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	lb.	6	—	—
Brinjals, Green	青茄	"	8	5	9
" Red	紅茄	"	8	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	乔菜	"	8	5	12
" (Shanghai)	鴻菜	"	16	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	甘蔗苗	"	3	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	35	—	—
" (Medium)	中椰菜花	"	30	—	—
" (Small)	細椰菜花	lb.	25	6	6
Carrots	金筍	"	7	6	6
Celery, Chinese	塘芹菜	"	10	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	"	30	26	5
" Red	紅花椒	"	30	10	16
" Green	青辣椒	"	12	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	架匣材料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	8	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	"	10	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	"	7	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	5	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	(辣根)	"	30	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	"	—	45	—
Lettuce	鹹生菜	"	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	10	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	"	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮冬菇	"	—	—	8
Okroes		"	15	1	10
Onions, Bombay	白番頭	"	8	8	8
" Green	生葱	"	5	4	6
" Shanghai	上海番頭	"	7	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	"	50	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	5	8	—
" Japanese	日本番忏	"	5	8	—
" American	金山番忏	"	6	8	10
Pumpkin	多瓜	"	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	"	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大干煮	"	—	—	10
Shallots	青葱	"	12	8	—
Spinach	莧菜	"	8	4	—
Tomatoes	番茄	"	10	7	—
Taro	芋頭	"	5	5	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔	"	4	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	節瓜	"	10	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	"	7	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮	"	6	6	—

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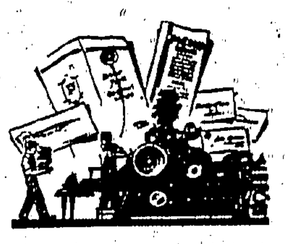

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THE WAY OF SUCCESS.

The story of his rise from poverty to riches is set out in the will of Mok Yin-tong, alias Mok A. Kuen, late of No. 23, Wellington Street, Hong Kong, probate in respect of which estate (amounting to $125,600) has been granted to Mok Sik-lan and Mok Sik-tai, of the same address.

"Blessed with the virtues of my ancestors," he states, "I have succeeded in building up the family (estate) with much labour. I remember while I was young I could only manage to keep my body and soul together after having undergone much hardship and been faced with starvation. After studying for a period of 3 years in a school I left and worked as a servant boy to some people. When I was 14 years old I joined the service of the "John Bird" Foreign Firm as an employee. At that time my stock of knowledge was very limited and my pay was very low. Though unintelligent I made up the drawback by working diligently. I led an honest life and lived in a frugal manner.

"Be Diligent."

"You must imitate the example of my diligence and should not indulge in laziness or negligence; and must follow my frugal way and should not be haughty and extravagant. You must remember the hardships with which I have built up the estate and the difficulties in maintaining the same. You must not entertain any ambitious idea and should appreciate my cherished aim. Be diligent and frugal, as I have been, and do not neglect anything. Maintain the estate handed down by your ancestors and strengthen the foundation of the same for the benefit of a future age. Be modest and respectful both internally and externally and keep on good terms with your neighbours. By so doing you will make your family prosperous and add glories to your ancestors. Endeavour to attain all these; this is my earnest hope.'

Other Wills.

That his body should be cremated and his obsequies "carried out as economically as possible" was the direction of the late Mr. J. J. M. Fleury, formerly of London and the Straits Settlements, and latterly of the Hague, Netherlands.

Deceased left $34,400 in the Colony and £10,245 in England. Probate has been granted locally to Mr. G. N. Tinston.

Resealing of the grant of letters of administration in connection with the estate of the late Mr. Frank Birley Johnson, who died in England on May 2, 1923, has been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Shenton. Deceased was a solicitor, and acted as Assistant Land Officer in Hong Kong in 1918. His estate in the Colony amounted to $12,137.

RADIO PROGRESS.

YESTERDAY'S INSTITUTE LECTURE.

The second of the series of lectures arranged for the winter at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders was given last night before a large and appreciative audience.

The subject of the lecture was "Radio" and the speaker, Mr. A. J. Chesterton, who received valuable support from Mr. G. F. Taylor in the practical demonstrations.

Both of these gentlemen have prominently associated themselves with the local Radio Society, and in introducing them, Mr. L. J. Blackburn, Vice-President of the Institution and Chairman of the meeting, expressed the hope that the interest shown in the lecture would be reflected in additional support for the Hong Kong Radio Society.

The lecturer detailed the history of radio development, and referred to the work of Kirk Maxwell, Herty and Marconi in that direction. In Marconi's first experience of wireless telegraphy, communication had been carried out over a distance of less than two miles. Subsequent progress had been rapid. In 1901 the Atlantic Ocean was bridged by wireless telegraph signals and, in 1915, wireless telephone communications were exchanged between France and U.S.A.

Mr. Chesterton gave details regarding the history of radio up to the present time, and spoke of the various ways in which it was being used. He said that sending pictures by radio had long been an established fact and that the Marconi Company in London and the Radio Corporation of America, in New York, conduct a public radio picture service of transmitting and receiving across the Atlantic. He also detailed and described the properties and uses of the apparatus used in radio.

Concluding a very interesting lecture, the lecturer said that radio was being largely used in communicating between various countries, and if a universal language was used it would certainly be of great value. He referred to Esperanto and thought that if such a language were adopted, radio, owing to its quickness in communication would enable a greater understanding between various nations and help towards the peace of the world. (Applause.)

MISSION ATTACKED.

According to a message received by the Shanghai offices of the China Inland Mission, Nanchowting, in Hunan, has been the scene of rioting in which the mission house and chapel were rather badly damaged.

No personal violence appears to have been offered the missionaries, who are reported to be "all safe."

Nanchowting is in northern Hunan about ten miles from the shores of the Tungting Lake.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE ALASKAN" TO-DAY & TO-MORROW.

"The Alaskan," James Oliver Curwood's stirring novel of the far north, forms the basis of Thomas Meighan's new picture.

As a story for Meighan, it is undoubtedly the strongest in which he has appeared. Herbert Brenon, who produced the picture for Paramount, has made a careful selection of the supporting cast. Estelle Taylor, John Sampolis, Charles Ogle, Frank Campeau and Anna May Wong are featured in support.

"The Alaskan" is a tale of the new empire which has come into being in the far north during the last thirty years. It opens with the great gold rush which followed the discovery of the yellow metal in Alaska. George Holt is the pioneer but the story chiefly concerns Alan Holt, his son, a native Alaskan, played by Thomas Meighan.

Raised in the land where his mother and father lie buried, Alan Holt feels a great affection for it. His love of Alaska grows stronger as he sees the efforts of unscrupulous corporations with headquarters in the United States, to loot his beloved land.

He comes in open conflict with John Graham, an unprincipled financier, and before a senatorial investigation committee exposes many of the illegal operations of the Graham company.

From that point on the picture unfolds a series of dramatic surprises that for exciting action and sheer realism make it memorable.

AT THE STAR.

"CHANGING HUSBANDS" TO-DAY & TO-MORROW.

Owing to unforeseen circumstance, this picture, booked for the Star Theatre last week, had to be substituted by "The Crowded Hour" but it remains well worth seeing because the best medicine that doctors can prescribe is laughter. This screen-play, featuring Leatrice Joy and with a supporting cast that includes, among others, Victor Varconi, Raymond Griffith, ZaSu Pitts and Julia Faye, will banish all aches and pains and send you away happy, smiling and contented.

It's a sparkling, laugh-provoking comedy about a wife who changes places with an actress who looks so much like her as to pass for her twin sister. Of course the unsuspecting husband goes right ahead loving his "wife" and the "wife" suddenly falls in love with her "husband." Complications? Some!

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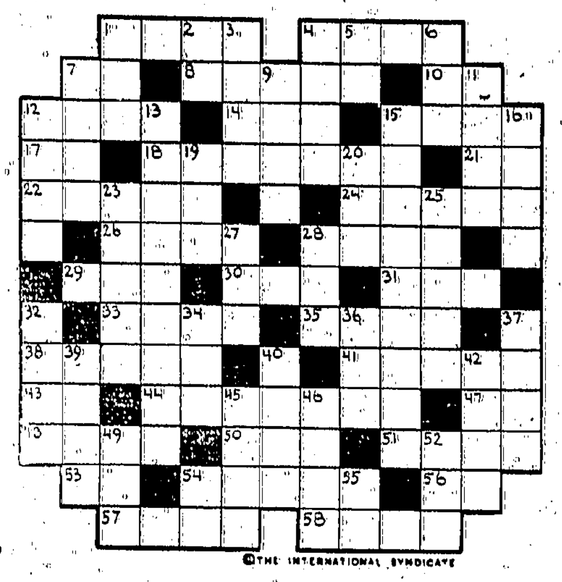
Queen Marie, of Roumania, is shown bowing in silent prayer as she placed a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. In the smaller picture she is shown waving farewell to President and Mrs. Coolidge after their formal visit to the Roumanian Legation.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1–Bill	41–Break of day (pl.)	11–Stead
4–Long, deep inlet	43–Electrical Engineer (abbr.)	12–A summer flower
7–Exclamation	44–Cuddled	13–Entertaining
8–Started	47–All right	15–A ruffian
10–Prefix. Form of "on"	48–Pinion	16–Victim
12–Jacket of watermelon	50–Popular dessert	19–Obtain
14–To make a mistake	51–Allowance by way of handicap	20–Recline
15–To fall in drops	53–Prefix meaning "again"	23–Humble
17–Above and touching	54–Title of nobility	25–Scatter
18–Base	56–Exists	27–Wise saying
21–Comparative suffix	57–To sharpen	28–Moist
22–A stanza	58–A short letter	32–Cook slowly
24–Flow out	VERTICAL	34–Raw metal
26–Wagers	1–To prohibit	36–Long poem
28–Cried	2–College degree (abbr.)	37–Inquires
29–Deface	3–Sharp	39–One entitled to inherit property
30–Respect tinged with fear	4–Cross	40–To move
31–Before	5–Indefinite article	42–Inclines the head
33–To put away compactly	6–Pronoun	45–A short gaiter
35–Rent	7–Suggestion	46–Boy's name
38–Possessive pronoun	9–Expand	49–Novel
		52–Expire
		54–Exist
		55–Nay

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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Nissikisen, from Amoy.
Mayin, from Shanghai.
Leas, from Manila.
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Mcneary, from New York.

E. V. JESSEN,
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Hong Kong Station, Nov. 26, 1926.

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E. J. PATERSON,
Superintendent.

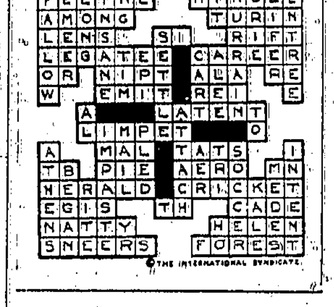
Hong Kong, 25th Nov., 1926.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on November 1, 1926:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Tytam	80'10"B.	0'6"B.
Tytam Byewash	28'5"B.	8'3"B.
Tytam Intermediate	1'1" A.	Level
Tytam Tuk	6'11"B.	0'6"B.
Wong Nei Chung	14'4" B.	11'5"B.
Pokfulum	13'4" B.	6'4"B.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow": A. denotes "Above Overflow."]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Tytam	174.58	339.12
Tytam Byewash	.35	11.75
Tytam Intermediate	202.00	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,251.92	1,405.98
Wong Nei Chung	14.36	17.15
Pokfulum	37.32	54.38
Total	1,680.59	2,024.28

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October:—

	1925	1926
Consumption	258.30	258.39
Estimated Population	395,680	405,900
per day (gallons)	21.0	20.6

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during October 1925 and 1926.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	5'10"B.	0'1"B.
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	3'1"B.	Level

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	294.48	351.63
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	88.48	100.80
	382.96	452.43

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October.

	1925	1926
Consumption	74.74	78.64
Estimated population	152,200	157,300
per day (gallons)	15.8	16.1

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Total rainfall to October 31, 1925, 86.27; October 31, 1926, 95.36.

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M.V. "ROMOLO" ..... Sails on or about 6th Jan., 1927.

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.

From Hong Kong.

M.V. "ESQUILINO" ..... Sails or or about 10th Dec.
S.S. "VENEZIA" ..... Sails or or about 7th Jan.
M.V. "ROMOLO" ..... Sails on or about 4th Feb.

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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karachi) Saturday, 4th December.
TACOMA MARU ..... Tuesday, 7th December.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASSA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MEXICO MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd December.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU ..... Saturday, 25th December.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon
SEKKOW MARU ..... Tuesday, 30th November.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 14th December.
HAIPHONG—via HOIHOW & PAKHOI
TAIKWA MARU ..... Friday, 10th December.
MENADO MARU ..... Friday, 24th December.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
Hamburg Maru..... (From Kobe) Wednesday, 15th December.
JAPAN PORTS
HONOLULU MARU ..... Saturday, 11th December.
ATLAS MARU ..... Sunday, 12th December.
SEATTLE MARU ..... Friday, 24th December.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 5th December, 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU ..... Saturday, 11th December.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU ..... Thursday, 2nd December, 8 a.m.
TAKAO and KEELUNG.
GANGES MARU ..... Tuesday, 30th November.
BATAVIA MARU ..... Wednesday, 29th December.
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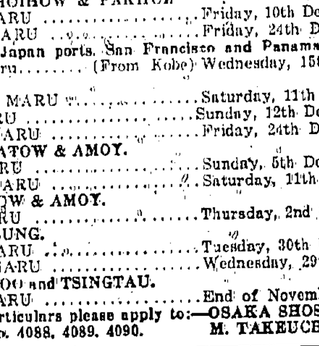

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SHIPPING SECTION.

SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

The Blue Funnel steamer "Pyrrhus" arrived this morning from Shanghai with passengers, 7 tons of cargo and 73 bags of mail. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire will despatch her for Marseilles and London this afternoon.

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The local office of the C.P.R. has been advised that the R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" will arrive from Shanghai to-morrow at 5 p.m. and will berth at No. 5 wharf, Kowloon. The "Asia" will sail for Manila on Dec. 2 at 5 p.m.

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From Yokohama and Shanghai, the German steamer "Hessen" arrived this morning with 2 tons of cargo, 12 first-class passengers and 68 bags of mail. Messrs. Jebsen & Co. will despatch her for Genoa this afternoon.

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With 1,300 tons of rice and cereals, and some livestock for discharge here, the Norwegian steamer "Daviken" arrived yesterday afternoon from Bangkok and Hoihow. Her date of departure has not been announced yet.

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The Eastern and Australian Line "Tanda" left Moji on Nov. 28 for Hong Kong and is due here on Dec. 3, at daylight.

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The N.Y.K. steamer "Atago Maru" arrived from Manila yesterday afternoon with 51 tons of sugar and 2 bags of mail. After loading here, she will be despatched for Japan.

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Scheduled to sail on December 2 for Iloilo and Cebu (P.I.), the U.S.S.B. steamer "West Ison" arrived this morning from Amoy with 666 tons of lumber for discharge here.

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With 360 steerage passengers of 250 tons of cargo and 24 bags of mail, the British steamer "Glenfaloch" arrived this morning from Penang and Singapore.

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The P. & O. steamer "Khyber" arrived in Marseilles on November 28 from Hong Kong via ports.

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From Hoihow and Singapore, the s.s. "Antung" brought 257 tons of firewood yesterday afternoon. She will load here and sail for Hoihow.

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Six first-class passengers and a small cargo from Shanghai were brought here by the J.C.J.L. steamer "Tjisondari" this morning. She will sail for Batavia on December 2.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on November 28 at 7 a.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here at 5 p.m. to-morrow, and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left Moji for this port on November 28 at p.m. and is due here on December 3 at about a.m.

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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following seagoing arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

Pyrrhus (4817) Brit., from Liverpool and Shanghai; B. & S.
Antung (2107) Brit., from Singapore and Hoihow; B. & S.
Kwangchow (1572) Brit., from Bangkok and Swatow; B. & S.
Glenfalloch (1434) Brit., from Penang and Singapore; Seng Soon Hong.
West Ison (3571) American, from Amoy; Admiral Line.
Tjibodas (2953) Dutch, from Swatow; J.C.J.L.
Tjisondari (5019) Dutch, from Shanghai; J.C.J.L.
Daviken (1778) Norwegian, from Bangkok; Kwang Nguan Seng.
Hessin (4887) German, from Yokohama and Shanghai; Jebsen & Co.
Atago Maru (4516) Jap., from Manila; N.Y.K.

Departures.

For Shanghai: "Tamba Maru."
For Amoy: Shantung.
For Kobe: West Niger.
For Moji: Malacca Maru.
For San Francisco: West Prospect.
For Saigon: Chinkiang.
For Singapore: Fooksang.
For Shanghai: Siberia Maru.

Clearances.

For Swatow: Hopsang.
For Kwong-chow-wan: Sunkong.
For Saigon: Sekkow Maru.

STRIKE ENDS.

FREE FIGHT BEFORE DEPARTURE OF NINGPO BOAT.

The Shanghai papers of November 17 report:—

The strike among sailors and firemen of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company is now practically ended. Vessels which were able to leave port yesterday were the Yangtse riverboat "Luen Yi," the s.s. "Hucan" for Canton, "Hsin Kiangteen" for Ningpo and the "Kwangchi" for Wuchow. With respect to the first an exciting time was experienced by the crew before this vessel was able to get away. A party of 100 loafers armed with axes and clubs invaded the Kin Lee Yuen wharf where the vessel was moored preparing to leave and made a final attempt to intimidate the crew into deserting the vessel. A free fight took place in which seven men were wounded. Only one of the loafers was arrested by the French police who were hurriedly called to the scene. The ship sailed on time, however. At the present time there are only two China Merchants' vessels in port, both coasting vessels, and it is not expected that these will be held up when their time comes to sail.

N.Y.K. SERVICE.

NEW SHIP ON SHANGHAI RUN.

Tokyo, November 20.—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is planning to place another liner on the Shanghai line in addition to the present two liners, the "Shanghai Maru" and the "Nagasaki Maru," and also to run five or six 10,000 ton cargo steamers on the Seattle line instead of 6,000 ton vessels. The company is also planning to replace three old type vessels on the European line by two 10,000 ton new vessels. —Toho.

PANAMA CANAL TRAFFIC.

Commercial traffic through the Panama Canal for the fiscal year ended June 30 exceeded that of 1925, but was less than that of 1924, which was a record, says the annual report by the Governor of the Canal.

American vessels carried fifty-three per cent. of the cargo handled through the Canal in 2,432 vessels, paying eleven and a half million dollars toll; 1,423 British vessels carried a record cargo representing twenty-six per cent. and 131 Japanese vessels carried cargo representing two and a half per cent.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Bonglee" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after December 3, will be subject to rent.

MARITIME LAW.

VESSEL RESPONSIBLE FOR SHORT DELIVERY.

A ship is liable for short delivery of cargo set forth in the bill of lading, unless it can show that the missing cargo was in fact not shipped.

The Natal (Dampskibs. Atk. Orient v. W. R. Grace & Co.), decided by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1926 A.M.C. 1235.

This case arose out of a shipment of bundles of iron bars shipped by W. R. Grace & Co. from New York to Buenos Aires, by the s.s. "Natal." There was proof of delivery to the vessel of the number of bundles recited in the bill of lading, and also evidence that there was a shortage of 71 bundles in the delivery to the consignee.

It was contended that the ship had delivered all of the bundles it received, and was therefore not liable. It appears, however, that there were shipments of steel on the same vessel to two other consignees and the court found that there probably had been a misdelivery of the missing bundles to one or both of the consignees of the other shipment. It was held that the vessel had not sustained the burden of proof to show that the bill of lading was erroneous or that the vessel delivered all the cargo she received.

It was also contended that the ship was relieved from liability because no written notice of claim for loss had been presented, as required by the bill of lading, at the office of the agents of the steamship at the port of discharge, within three days after the steamer had finished discharging.

The court recognised the validity of the notice clause, citing a number of cases in which similar clauses had been upheld. It also stated that mere knowledge on the part of the carrier at the time of delivery that there is a shortage did not relieve the consignee from making the claim within the prescribed time. It held further, however, that a notice clause is not binding unless it is reasonable, and that the question of its reasonableness may depend largely upon the object of the notice, the length of the voyage, the knowledge possessed by parties, and other circumstances of the case.

In this case the real party in interest was the consignor, by whom the damages, if any, were recoverable. The court said:

"The vendee presented the claim to the charterer's agents one month after the discharge, and presumably as soon as it ascertained the fact, and the consignor presented to the charterer in New York two months after the discharge. In view of these circumstances and the fact that the carrier had full information of the shortage and the extent thereof at the time of the discharge and certified the same, and in view of the nature of the claim, which is not for damages or injury to cargo but for short delivery, we are not prepared to hold that the provision of the bill of lading prescribes a condition precedent, the failure literally to comply with which should defeat recovery, or that the claims which were made were insufficient."

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SAILINGS 1927.

STEAMERS	H'Kong Leave	S'hai Leave	Kobe Leave	Y'hama Leave	V'ver Arrive
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 5	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 22
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 19	July 22	July 31

(E/Asia and E/Russia call Nagasaki day after departure from Shanghai)

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NYANZA	7,023	17th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
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OPIUM ON A DOUGLAS STEAMER.

FIRST TIME IN COURT.

The Master and Agents (Messrs. Douglas, Lapraik & Co.) of the s.s. "Haiching" were the defendants in a case heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in connection with the seizure, by Chief Preventive Officer Clarke on November 7 of a quantity of raw and prepared opium found concealed in a disused pipe in the ship's stoke-room.

Mr. L. D. Turner appeared on behalf of the defendants.

C. P. O. Clarke, in the witness box, said that, acting upon information received, he boarded the s.s. "Haiching" on November 7. He entered the stoke-room and, after searching and removing a quantity of coal, he found a quantity of opium concealed in a disused pipe. Altogether he seized 360 lbs. of raw opium and 245 lbs. of non-Government opium. Officers of the ship gave him every assistance in his search.

Cross-examined, witness said that there were five or six feet of coal on top of the disused pipe.

Mr. Turner: Why did you issue the warrant?—My instructions from the Superintendent are to issue a warrant in every case where there is reason to believe that someone on board the ship is implicated.

Master's Evidence.

Captain Alan H. Stewart said that he was master of the s.s. "Haiching." He had been employed by the owners for 23 years, of which for 17 years he had been in charge of one or other of their vessels. This was the first occasion upon which his company had been summoned under the Opium Ordinance. Witness had four Indian guards and three officers on board. The officers and crew were informed that they must be on the look out for smugglers and the ship was searched before leaving every port and that was done on the voyage in question.

His Worship: Once or twice?—After leaving Amoy and again after leaving Swatow.

Continuing, witness said that it was four or five years since his vessel had used oil fuel. He had no reason to suspect any member of his crew as being implicated in any way with opium smuggling. His present crew had been with him only since the strike. His ship was always coaled when in Hong Kong. In witness' opinion, the opium must have been put on board some considerable time ago.

His Worship: Have any of your crew absconded since this seizure?—Yes, the No. 1 fireman.

A. Murray-Scott was the next witness called, and in reply to Mr. Turner, said that he took every precaution against smuggling on the vessel.

Addressing the Bench, Mr. Turner said that his clients were unfortunately in the hands of the persons who framed the Ordinance. Undoubtedly the present case was not a flagrant one; all reasonable precautions had been taken and he would ask his Worship to deal as leniently with the matter as was possible in the circumstances.

The Magistrate: Is it correct that the Douglas Steamship have never been charged before?

C. P. O. Clarke: Never before.

His Worship imposed a fine of $250.

Mr. Lindsell had not left the Bench before the Court usher demanded payment of the fine.

Mr. Turner informed the Magistrate that payment forthwith had been demanded and asked His Worship to accept Messrs. Deacons' undertaking that it would be paid within twenty-four hours.

Mr. Lindsell: Very well. I will endorse my notes to that effect. (Laughter).

SEIZED VESSELS.

Fu Siao-en, managing director of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, proceeded from Shanghai to Nanking with his family by train. Li Wai-er, and other members of the board of directors of the company left in company with Mr. Fu.

It is learned that as soon as they reach Nanking Mr. Fu Siao-en and the directors will call on Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, to whom they will make the following requests:

1. That the seven vessels belonging to the company, seized by the militarists for military service, be returned to the company, so as permit them to carry on business.

2. That compensation be paid to the families of the victims of the s.s. "Kiangtung."

Mr. Fu was supposed to have returned to Shanghai late on Nov. 18.

THE "SUNNING" EPIC.

APPRECIATION OF OFFICERS' CONDUCT.

CANTON INACTIVITY.

Reviewing the heroic defence of the "Sunning" by its officers against the pirates who had obtained control, the "Peking and Tientsin Times" states:—

The recovery of a pirated steamer seized by forty desperadoes, by two unarmed officers is a feat of gallantry and endurance seldom if ever equalled in the annals of the British merchant marine. The "Sunning," unlike ships on the Northern run, was equipped with grilles, in addition to wireless. The former proved no protection. The latter, as we have always anticipated, proved useless at the time of the ship's capture. It was simply the courage of a handful of men that saved the vessel from the usual fate of ships captured in China waters, and ensured the death or capture of nearly all the pirates. It is difficult to find words in which to express one's admiration of the bravery of the officers responsible for recapturing the vessel. It is equally difficult to find strong enough words to condemn those responsible for tolerating a state of affairs under which this kind of crime flourishes.

Record of Piracies.

In addition to countless piracies of native craft, and a pirate raid in view of Hong Kong harbour, itself, the Southern pirates have captured no fewer than six coasting steamers—two of them vessels on the Northern run—during the past twelve months. They seized the C.N.S. "Tungchow," on December 18, last year, the French steamer "Jade" on February 8, the C. M. S. N. Co.'s str. "Kwanglee" on July 13, the same Company's vessel "Hsinfung" on October 1, the French steamer "Hanoi" about November 11, and the "Sunning" last Monday. In every case but one—the "Kwanglee," which was run ashore near Macao—the pirates have steered for Bias Bay. In every case but one—the "Sunning"—they have escaped with their booty, and in some instances, with kidnapped passengers. Bias Bay is less than one hundred miles from Canton, the seat of "the most efficient of all the authorities in China" (vide Colonel Malone), and less than 25 miles from the important city of Waichow, yet not a finger has been raised against this pirate nest by the local Chinese authorities, although, as the "Tungchow" Court of Inquiry put it, "the only satisfactory way of dealing with the pirate menace is to destroy the pirate bases ashore, without which attacks such as that on the s.s. "Tungchow" would be impossible." And the British Navy, conforming to the policy of patience and conciliation—which apparently recognises even the "sovereign right" to piracy—has taken no action against the Bias Bay pests.

Significance of Struggle.

Is this policy of inaction on the part of the "National Canton Government" and the British Navy to continue? The "Sunning" epic reveals what can be done by a handful of brave men, who, in this case appear to have escaped with few casualties, and comparatively unimportant damage to their steamer. But it is well to emphasise the probable consequences of this midnight struggle. Hitherto the Bias Bay pirates have generally refrained from molesting the foreign passengers and officers after they have once gained control of the vessel. In future such moderation is not to be expected. The heroism of the "Sunning" officers will jeopardise the lives of every foreign officers and passenger who may fall into Chinese pirates' hands. These pirates, as events on the "Sunning" have shown, are desperate ruffians. Their threats to set fire to captured vessels are not mere bluff. And unless strong measures are taken immediately for the destruction of this pirate stronghold, we may at any moment expect news of a much more tragic piracy than that of which the cables have brought us the news during the past two days. Wireless installations, grilles, armed guards, searches of passengers, etc., are only palliative measures, while pirates can continue to land, unmolested, with their loot, within fifty miles of Hong Kong.

The "Shanghai Mercury" concludes a review of the action of the officers in the following terms:—Another epic has enriched the tales told of the turbulent sea..... Britishers may well be proud of the fact that the officers on board the steamer, "Sunning," were faithful to the finest traditions of the mercantile marine and the British Navy. Heroism was shown in a marked degree, as the story unfolded testifies.....

The question now arises as to what course of action is to be taken to rid the China Coast of these pests. Word came the other day that the Kwangtung authorities were prepared to co-operate with a view to cleaning out the pirates' nests but the Canton Government did not seem inclined to take rigorous measures. Surely the Powers will not accept this attitude as final, and the strongest representations should be at once made to a bolstered administration which craves recognition and pretends to cherish advanced Republican ideals.....

The honours of the fight went to the gallant men on board the "Sunning," rather than the Government. Again tribute has to be paid to the individuals who can rise above difficulties with brain and brawn, and conquer when the odds are against them. The "Sunning" incident is worthy of a proud place when the history of the "China Coast" comes to be written.

CONGESTION AT TSINGTAO.

Imposition of Goods Tax.

The imposition of the Goods Tax, in spite of orders to the contrary, has been put into force as effective from 9th instant, by order presumably of the Shantung authorities.

The cargo in the wharf godowns now very congested was not allowed to be removed without a certificate issued by the Goods Tax Bureau being attached to same. The result is that serious confusion has occurred at the wharf. The Japanese Consulate, dissatisfied with the attitude of the Shantung authorities, has reported this particular state of affairs to their legation at Peking, which is continually negotiating the matter with the Chinese Central Government. The United Trades Association are again holding meetings in order to take further measures. All the mill owners at Saufang and Tsankow have arranged meetings together at The Grand Hotel to deal with the problem, and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce is holding a special meeting to discuss matters.

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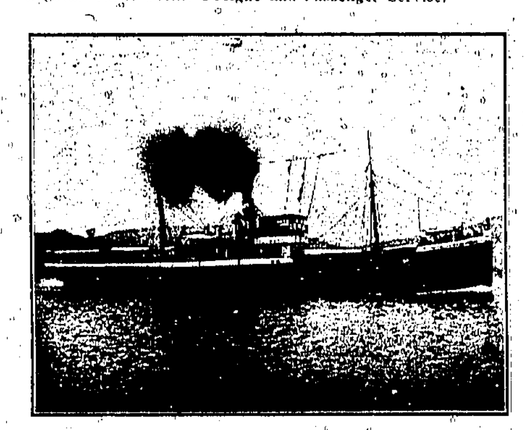

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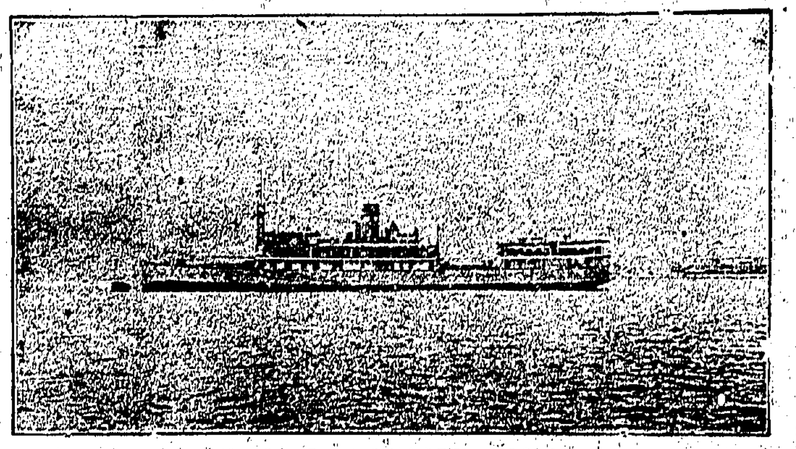

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TROUBLE AT HANKOW.

Feelings akin to despair will be caused by the news from Hankow. That trouble should occur there again is bad enough: that it should occur at this juncture is particularly unfortunate. The Nationalist Government, by its efforts to suppress the boycott at Canton, has gained much credit in the eyes of the world. This credit, it is hoped, will be greatly enhanced, during the next few weeks, by "the cleaning up" of Bias Bay, with the aid of the British Navy. After that the Nationalist Government, but for the threatened trouble at Hankow, could have stood before the world with a claim for new consideration, based not merely on words, but on a record of actual achievement. The Nationalist Government, we are prepared to believe, is not in full sympathy with the threatened trouble at Hankow—from the sincere efforts it has made to suppress the boycott at Canton, we are ready to believe, indeed, that it would end the trouble at once, if it could do that with ease, having learned to its cost how such movements, useful as they may be at the outset, can get out of hand and become an intolerable curse. The Nationalist Government, we are sure, would settle the trouble at once if it could do so with ease. But it feels it cannot do so with ease. The student and Labour elements at Hankow are too strong in its opinion to be put in their places out of hand. The Nationalist Government evidently thinks the unruly must be given their heads, and only when they have become tired through the recklessness of the pace, must they be curbed. This policy doubtless has points in its favour for the Nationalist Government, but it can hardly be expected to appeal to the Powers whose nationals' lives and property are endangered as a result. The Nationalist Government, therefore, can hardly blame the Powers for taking any steps they deem necessary to protect their subjects. Nor can the Nationalist Government blame the world for setting the trouble in the North against the efforts to secure better order in the South, and qualifying its good opinion accordingly. The world naturally looks to a government to enforce law and order in the territory it controls. The Nationalist Government is seeking recognition, we are told, as the representative Government of all China. The world does not expect the Nationalist Government to suppress trouble in Peking or Mukden—it will be satisfied if the Nationalist Government can enforce law and order in Hankow and the other parts of China where the Kuomintang flag flies to-day.

The Navy and the Yangtsze.

The London "Times" makes the Cantonese invasion of the North a lever for denouncing hesitation in taking adequate steps to protect British interests on the Yangtsze and for having a slap at the Bolshevists. It states that to trust vaguely to some ultimate Chinese reaction against Bolshevism is wholly unprofitable, for by the time the reaction comes there may be little left for us to save and the state of China herself will be appalling. On the Yangtsze, our contemporary points out, opportunities for provoking further conflict are innumerable, and the worst enemies of Britain are watching to take advantage of them. It is obvious who these "worst enemies of ours" are. Equally obvious is it that they will continue their insidious propaganda against us in China in defiance of the Russo-British Trade Agreement expressly forbidding anti-British propaganda outside Russian borders. How that propaganda is working may be gleaned from the cables informing us of the serious position in Hankow, where the British community are "in daily expectation of an incident which would involve bloodshed." They now declare that our naval forces are not adequate for their protection, and they ask the Home Government for an assurance that the naval forces will be strengthened. This appeal is under the consideration of the Government, including the Admiralty. Only a few days ago it was stated in Parliament that our naval forces in China were considered adequate; but the new situation in Hankow has altered the aspect. If the Chinese authorities themselves cannot or will not protect British subjects in Hankow or elsewhere on the Yangtsze the British armed forces have no alternative but to step into the breach.

The Communist Fallacy.

In trade, in politics, in agriculture, in the Army and Navy, in manufactures, in education and in law, the Communists propose to supersede the fit by the unfit. All the trained, experienced and capable directors, organisers, managers, salesmen, architects and engineers, and all the educated professional men are to be murdered or exiled that their places may be filled with the ragtag and bob-tail of the slums—men ignorant, unskilled, unjust and violent. Such is the plan, such the hope of the apostles of revolution. They desire to establish what they term the dictatorship of the proletariat. Now, apart from the criminal lunacy of the suggested means, let us consider the political idiocy of the end. The dictatorship of the proletariat, as exemplified in the case of Soviet Russia, means the rule of the peasants and soldiers. But that rule would surely be more than a form of political concerns by the proletariat. Once they have abolished law and order, and discipline and business and common sense; once they have successfully blown out the brains of the commonwealth, they will be able to wave the red flag and live happily ever after. It is the most impossible, hideous and absurd delusion that ever betrayed fools to their own ruin. Anyone who has any real experience of popular movements, political or industrial, knows that the rank and file never do anything but listen and cheer and vote. All the real work is done by a few energetic workers. The great mass of the people never take an active part in public affairs. They resent the labour and effort and trouble. They must have leaders. They always did have leaders. Without leaders they are a helpless mob. Do the Communists expect to be able to dispense with leaders? Do they expect the whole mass of the proletariat to develop a common will, a common purpose and a common discipline? We have no hesitation in saying that they do not expect anything of the kind. They intend the proletariat to have not only leaders, but masters, and they intend to secure those posts for themselves. To put the whole thing in a nutshell, the advocates of the dictatorship of the proletariat do not intend to allow the proletariat to dictate. No, they are to be dictated to.

BANK NOTE CASE.

MR. TOWNS GIVES FURTHER EVIDENCE.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

After hearing further evidence in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, Mr. Justice Wood reserved judgment in the case in which the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is sued for $500 by a Chinese lady who claims payment for a bank note of that value which she alleges was accidentally washed and ironed in a jacket sent to the wash.

Mr. G. T. Towns, acting Chief Accountant of the Bank, recalled, said that he had searched the Bank's books and had been unable to find a case where indemnity had been paid for a lost note of which the number was not known. There had been indemnities paid but only in cases where the note had been partially destroyed and on which the number was intact.

Replying to His Lordship, witness said that so long as the number of a note was identifiable and so long as the promise to pay appeared, he would advise the Bank to pay, although the signatures were absent.

In reply to the submission of Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., (for the Bank) that the question of whether the Bank was prejudiced entered into the matter, His Honour said it was a question of whether they could prove to the Government that they had paid out on a good note. If they could prove that they could surely get their $500 back.

Mr. Fitzroy said it was obvious that the Bank could get the money from the Government. If the business was run as it was done in England the trouble would not have arisen. They were negligent in not keeping the numbers of notes of such considerable sums.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

FUNERAL.

MR. AUGUSTO J. M. GOMES.

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon of Mr. Augusto J. M. Gomes, a prominent member of the Portuguese community of Hong Kong.

The Rev. Fr D. Page officiated at the graveside.

Amongst those present were Mr. Leo d'Almada, Mr. J. M. Remedios, Mr. A. Silva-Netto, Mr. Alex: Remedios, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. J. T. d'Almada e Castro, Mr. A. C. Botelho, Mr. F. E. Eca da Silva, Mr. A. H. M. da Silva, Dr. Sousa, Mr. C. M. S. Alves, J. Barradas, Mr. Jack Alves and Mr. C. E. Remedios.

The chief mourners were Mr. M. A. Figueiredo, Mr. F. X. Figueiredo, Mr. C. J. Figueiredo and nephew, and sister Alvares (cousin of the deceased).

Wreaths were sent by "Brother, sister and brother-in-law," Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Silva-Netto, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Figueiredo, Mr. and Mrs. M. Figueiredo, Mrs. C. Leonard and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gascon, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gonzales, "Hermina, Maria and Minnie," Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barretto, Mr. M. J. da Cruz Azedo, Mr. and Mrs. Almada e Castro, Mr. Tang Wai Cho, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. da Cruz, Messrs. Leo d'Almada and Nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Ishmael Chan.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

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side of the stage, whilst the same blooms are to be seen along the passage leading from the dancing halls to the theatre.

The library will do duty as the "Auchtermuchty"—which, to the uninitiated, means "bar"—and here no effort has been spared to ensure the comfort of the guests. Here is to be seen a large painting of "The Broomielaw"—the old Glasgow wharf.

Eight pipers from the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers, will welcome H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) on his arrival at the City Hall to-night.

OFFICIAL LANCERS.

President's & Vice-President's Sets To-night.

The official sets of lancers at to-night's Ball will be as follows:—

President's Set: Lady Clementi and the President, Mrs. R. M. Dyer and Col. C. Russell Brown, Lady Pollock and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mrs. R. Sutherland and Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling.

Vice-President's Set: Mrs. Russell Brown and the Vice-President, Mrs. D. Templeton and Mr. R. Sutherland, Mrs. W. T. Southorn and Mr. G. M. Young, Mrs. G. D. R. Black and Sir Henry Pollock.

Official Supper Party.

The official supper party will be as follows:—

The Chieftain and Lady Clementi, H.E. the Governor and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. D. Templeton and Mrs. C. Russell Brown, Vice-Admiral Sir E. Alexander-Sinclair and Mrs Templeton, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mrs. W. T. Southorn, Col. C. Russell Brown and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mr. G. M. Young and Lady Pollock, Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling and Mrs. G. D. R. Black, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mrs. T. F. Brenan, Sir Henry Gollan and Mrs. G. M. Shaw, Mr. R. Sutherland and Miss Stirling, Mr. T. F. Brenan and Mrs. G. Montague Harston, Sir Henry Pollock and Mrs. D. Gow, Dr. G. D. R. Black and Mrs. R. Mein Austin, the Rt. Rev. Bishop C. R. Duppuy and Mrs. A. Stevenson, Mr. G. M. Shaw and Mrs. Comyn, Mr. W. W. Hornell and Mrs. K. E. Greig, Mr. D. Gow and Mrs. Mackintosh, Mr. R. Mein Austin and Mrs. A. K. Henderson, the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie and Mrs. Allan Cameron, Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn and Mrs. P. Tod, Mr. A. Stevenson and Mrs. H. T. Creasy, Mr. W. A. Dowley and Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. A. K. Henderson and Mrs. G. Duncan, Capt. D. C. Logan and Mrs. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. K. E. Greig and Mrs. A. L. Shields.

THE COMMITTEES.

Officers Who Made To-night's Arrangements.

The general committee of St. Andrew's Society for this year comprises:—Mr. R. M. Dyer (President; Mr. D. Templeton (Vice-President); Mr. R. Shewan, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. G. M. Young, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. R. Sutherland, and Dr. G. D. R. Black (all past Presidents); Mr. G. M. Shaw, Mr. A. K. Henderson, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. D. Gow, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. W. Beveridge (hon. treasurer), Mr. Peter Tod and Mr. R. O. Sutherland (joint hon. secretaries).

The various Ball committees are:

Invitations:—The General Committee with Mr. P. Tod (Convener), Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. George Hogg, Mr. R. L. Moncrieff, Mr. A. R. H. Philips, Mr. A. L. Shields, Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, R.N., Dr. S. S. Strahan.

Dance and Music:—Mr. A. K. Henderson (Convener), Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, Mr. J. D. Kinnaird, Mr. W. Hyde, Mr. C. J. Cooke, Mr. D. J. Purves, Mr. D. C. Logan, Mr. W. R. Forsyth, Mr. P. D. Wilson, Mr. R. B. Bell, Mr. C. Duncan, Jnr., Mr. G. S. Brown, Mr. Neil Drummond, Mr. D. L. McWhirter, Mr. H. M. McTavish, Mr. J. Ralston, Mr. R. Keown, Mr. H. R. M. Cleland, Mr. G. Murray, Mr. W. Brown, Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, Mr. R. K. Valentine and Mr. R. O. Sutherland.

Ladies' Cloak Room:—Dr. J. C. Macgown (Convener), Dr. John Morrison, Mr. A. T. Hamilton, Mr. P. Tod.

Decorations:—Mr. George Duncan (Convener), Mr. J. Kempton, Mr. J. Simpson, Mr. R. O. Sutherland and Mr. P. Tod.

Card Room:—Mr. G. M. Shaw (Convener), Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. J. Ormiston, Mr. P. Tod.

Supper & Wines:—Mr. P. W. Ramsay (Convener), Mr. D. Gow, Mr. A. S. MacKichan, Mr. G. W. Sellars, Mr. J. Hyde, Mr. E. L. Hosie, Mr. J. S. McIntosh, Mr. W. G. Lawson, Mr. S. T. Williamson, Mr. P. T. Farrell, Mr. T. S. Morrison, Mr. A. W. E. Davidson, Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. R. Hunter, Mr. F. Syme Thomson, Mr. J. L. McKeller, Mr. J. M. Jack, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. G. Hazel, Mr. W. Johnston, Mr. C. Chapman, Mr. J. Frazer, Mr. A. W. Simpson, Mr. W. Macfarlane, Mr. R. O. Sutherland.

SCOTLAND FOR EVER!

Chieftain's Message to Kindred Societies.

"Scotland for Ever — Chief Dyer," was the message sent out this morning from Hong Kong to St. Andrew's Societies in the Far East, at the following places:—

Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Rangoon, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Iloilo, Cebu, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Hankow, Tai peh, Tsingtao, Peking, Kobe, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Negri Sembilan, Sandakan, Shameen, Perak, Batavia and Seremban.

TRAMS & FERRIES.

Special facilities for residents on the Peak and in Kowloon have been made.

Late trams will be run at 1 a.m., 1.30 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. and there will be late ferries at 1.30 a.m., 2 a.m. and 2.30 a.m.

ROSE DAY.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY.

Owing to the large number of ladies who very kindly offered their assistance in the disposal of the Roses, and the limited space in the Headquarters—(ground floor, St. George's Building, Ice House Street) arrangements have been made with the Alexandra Cafe which has generously placed at the disposal of the Bazaar Committee has Mezzanine Floor of its establishment.

There a number of shroffs will be in attendance to receive the collection boxes and we are asked to call the attention of the "Sellers" to this change.

Motor Car Draw.

The attention of readers is invited to the announcement on another page that there remain but a few more days in which to secure tickets for the Society's Motor Car Draw and it is not safe to postpone buying these until the evening of the Fete.

Further Donations.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to acknowledge further donations to the funds of the Al Fresco Fete on 5th December.

Mr. A. H. Barlow	$50
Lady Ho Hung	25
Mr. J. P. Sherry	20
Mr. Lo Chung Kue	15
Sir Henry Gollan	10

Messrs. Graca & Co., 15 and postcards for the Picture Gallery. Messrs. Sincere and Co., Ltd., an assortment of Toilet articles. Messrs. Gande, Price and Co., Ltd., one case Whiskey. Misses Capell and Mrs. D. P. J. Lopes useful articles

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

WANHSIEN RELIEF FUND.

List No. 4

Amount previously acknowledged	$2,149.65
Anon	25.—
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Mr. & Mrs. E. T. Snuggs	10.—
Miss F. M. Snuggs	5.—
J. R.	10.—
Pupils of Central British School, Kowloon	65.—
"In memory of the late Capt. "W. E. Clarke"	5.—

Total to date 30/11/26 $2,294.65

Donations should be forwarded to Mr. A. J. Bird, care of Chartered Bank.

"What! Rough weather yesterday? Rubbish, it was dead calm," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy when a Chinese, charged with obstruction by leaving merchandise on the Praya, pleaded that his gang plank had slipped into the harbour. Further questioning elicited the fact that the wash of a passing steamer was the cause of the trouble. His Worship fined the defendant $3.

WAR NEWS.

WHY GENERAL SUN WENT TO TIENTSIN.

Peking, Nov. 21.

It is persistently reported in Chinese circles here that General Yang Wen-kai, delegate of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang having failed to dissuade the leaders of the Fengtien and the Shantung armies from sending troops to the south, Sun himself came to Tientsin and tried hard to persuade Marshal Chang Tso-lin and others not to touch Kiangsu, suggesting that he would hand over Anhwei to the Fengtien-Shantung Armies if need be.

However, it was decided to place Chekiang under the control of General Sun; Kiangsu under General Chang Chung-chang; Shantung under General Chu Yu-pu; Chihli under General Chang Hsueh-liang; and Honan under General Han Lin-chun, it is reported.

It is also said that General Chang Chung-chang will take command of his troops on the first battle line in the campaign aghinst the Southern troops.—"Toho."

"Missing" General Found.

Nanking, Nov. 21.

General Cheng Chun-yen, commander-in-chief of the Kiangsi Army, who had been missing since the withdrawal of his troops from Kiangsi, has arrived at a place in Anhwei Province and is expected to return here to-day or to-morrow.—"Toho."

Russians Help Feng.

Harbin, Nov. 20.

With 60,000 troops, General Feng Yu-hsiang, is now in Kanchow awaiting the opportunity to move. According to a Russian traveller, who came from Urga, 600 Russian cavalrymen carrying 55 guns with them arrived there to aid the Kuominchun Army.—"Nihon Dempo."

RUSSIAN HOLIDAY.

CELEBRATED BY SWATOW RADICALS.

Swatow, Nov. 8.—The Ninth Anniversary of the Russian Revolution was celebrated here yesterday. The celebration included a public open air meeting with a fairly large attendance, the majority being of the labour classes. The students were in the minority. The programme was made up largely of Communistic propaganda with the most decided "Red" sentiment that has yet been expressed in Swatow. One young Russian spoke and about twenty Russians were on the platform and sang the Red Nationale song. They then marched through the streets yelling the usual radical yells.

However, the day passed off without any violence and business seems to be progressing. The strike trouble with the employees of the medicine shops has been settled and the men are back at their work. The British boycott is off and the British boats are coming and going and are getting and unlonding passengers and some cargo. The pickets are no longer working openly at least and one is not molested in the least in handling incoming or out-going cargo.

The schools and other organisations are celebrating Dr. Sun's birthday this week and it promises to be a lively week for most of the people.

From the best report we can get the Southern forces have pushed right on into Fukien and will not stop until they have taken the province. In the meantime things seem to be settled here in Swatow and there seems to be no uneasiness whatever that there will be a change within the near future.—"China Press."

NEW AIR SERVICE.

Philadelphia, Nov. 20.

The establishment of aerial transportation between this city and Norfolk, Va., was announced to-night by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. Announcement also was made that the company would increase its schedule between Philadelphia and Washington from two to three trips a day and that its air express service also would be extended to Norfolk.

Rates for passengers are $15 from Philadelphia to Washington or $25 for the round trip; Washington to Norfolk, one day, $20; round trip $35. The flying time from here to Norfolk will be three and one-half hours.

A game of pitch and toss, which drew a crowd of spectators in the middle of Wing Kut Street yesterday afternoon, had its sequel in Mr. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, when two Chinese youths were each fined $1 for obstructing the traffic.

TALE OF REVENGE.

LEADER OF BANDITS SHOT AT CHURCH DOOR.

The Suchien correspondent of the "N.-C. Daily News" writes on November 11:—

Two nights ago I wrote that there was nothing of interest to report in Suchien. Last night something happened that has set the whole town talking!" As one of the minor happenings in China, it may interest some of your readers. Your correspondent happened to be in the district at the time so can vouch for most of this information.

Every Wednesday evening since the New Chinese Church has been opened, there is a service for children. They come from all over the town, and last night there was a gathering from 500 to 600 children and some "grown ups." The address had not long started when everyone was startled by three shots in quick succession.

We heard that a man had attempted to kill another at the church door. The would-be murderer was a tufei leader, but it was not till the morning that one heard full particulars. The man's name is Ding, but up to the present he is still at large, though the city gates were shut, and the police and soldiers were soon on his track. It was a story of revenge for deeds of many years ago.

In a little village some distance from Suchien lived this man's ancestors. They were very wealthy, the whole business of the place belonged to them. By some means a man named Tsien came along and managed to take over all the business prosperity and the Ding family became poor. Being a tufei he one day took revenge, went to this man's homestead, surrounded it, and barring the exit, burned and killed this old man and about seven of his family. Those who escaped, left their ground, and took refuge in Suchien.

By-and-bye, the man who was shot last night, managed to take his case to the yamen and several of the Ding family were apprehended and killed. A grandchild of the old man who was killed (a boy of about 17, so the story goes), had made up his mind to avenge his grandfather's death and for some time has been dogging this man Tsien's steps. Last night the favourable moment came, outside the church gate. He quickly drew a small pistol from under his long garment and fired. The first shot shattered the bone of the man's arm, then passed on and went through the hand of a woman, who at the time was crossing the street carrying a sick child. The man again fired two shots, and then bolted. One of them at close range went through his chest, coming out behind his shoulder. He is at present in the Mission Hospital. The poor woman who was hurt could get no one to assist her though her hand was bleeding badly. All her neighbours felt sure the tufei had got into the city and were in hiding.

P. I. JUDGE DEAD.

26 YEARS' RESIDENCE IN CEBU.

Judge Adolph Wislezenus of the court of first instance of Cebu, died at his home in that city on November 12. Death followed an illness of nearly four weeks, which was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage, accompanied by paralysis of the right side.

During his illness Judge Wislezenus was baptized by the Rev. Father Mitchell of the Redemptorist order and became a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Judge Wislezenus was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 5, 1864. He was educated in the public schools of his home city and studied law at Washington University. Upon graduation he was admitted to the bar and engaged in private practice and later served three years as municipal judge of St. Louis. His work in this capacity was marked by sympathetic understanding and knowledge of human nature.

In 1902 he was appointed by Theodore Roosevelt, then president of the United States, to the judiciary of the Philippine Islands, as judge of the court of first instance. *His first assignment was in Luzon* but in 1904 he was ordered to Cebu, where he had lived since.

Judge Wislezenus is survived by his wife, Mrs. Claire Wislezenus of Cebu, two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Eccleston of Los Angeles and Mrs. John B. Wilson of Iloilo, and one brother, a consulting lawyer of St. Louis.—"Manila Bulletin."

TRUE TEST OF MERIT.

YOU judge a man not by what he promises to do, but by what he has done. That is the only true test. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy judged by this standard has no superior. People everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. For sale everywhere.

CHINESE BISHOPS.

IMPRESSIVE CONSECRATION CEREMONY.

The six Chinese Bishops who passed through Hong Kong last September on their way to Rome, were consecrated personally by His Holiness the Pope at the Vatican on Thursday October 28, in the presence of many Cardinals, Bishops, Monsignori and eminent laity.

The newly consecrated Bishops presented a remarkable gift to His Holiness—a silver and bronze vase which art experts have declared to be over 4,000 years old.

Cardinal Gaspari, Papal Secretary of State, was also the recipient of a valuable present.

30 CENTS A SHIRT.

COMMISSION AGENT'S EMBEZZLEMENT.

Charged with embezzlement, three months' imprisonment was meted out to Arajiro Yamamoto, employee of Yamatoya and Company, Japanese shirt store, Boone Road, Shanghai, the Japanese Consular Court on November 19.

The defendant stated in Court that he was a salesman on a commission basis, selling goods, mostly shirts, to customers outside. However, what he gained did not meet with his requirements, with the result that he gradually began to convert the money he collected to his own use, amounting to $307.70.

What was your income monthly? Between $70 to 140, according to the quantity of the sales. The proprietor would pay me $0.30 per shirt; when the money was collected.

What did you do with the money you misappropriated? Against my will, I had to replenish the shortage on my household expenses monthly.

The defendant admitted his guilt, followed by the above sentence by the Judge.

SALT FIGHT.

HISTORIC EXEMPTION DEFENDED BY VILLAGERS.

Huangyen, Chekiang, November 12.—An ugly incident occurred in this district a few weeks ago. While salt is an object of taxation in most parts of China the districts of Huangyen and Taiping on the Chekiang coast are, and have been exempt from this tax from time immemorial. Attempts have been made by the authorities from time to time to collect this tax, but in every case it has been the signal for a miniature rebellion of the peasants and salt workers. The last attempt was made unsuccessfully about 60 years ago.

Just a few weeks ago, another effort was made this time under the guise of measuring some land just recently reclaimed from the sea, but still too salty to be of much value. The peasants in this area are still feeling pretty sore because the supineness of the gentry (not to call it an uglier word) in neglecting to have a floodgate built (for which funds were in hand) has caused the destruction of a lot of crop this year. And now come along the officials, trying to impose this new burden of salt taxation. Perfectly legal, but most importune. A clash occurred between the peasants armed with hoes, spades, etc., and the soldiers with their rifles. The honours of the day rested with the peasants, six soldiers dead and four peasants. The city magistrate went out to investigate but, it is reported, even his life was threatened! The whole countryside threatened to rise and all the pirates flocked in to the cause of the peasants, who removed live stock and provisions out of the reach of the military. Never! never!! would this district submit to a salt tax. The officials, not liking the look of things, called a palaver. The peasants won; the tax is not to be imposed. The gentry have had to pay an indemnity to relatives of deceased; it is said $600 for a soldier and $400 for a peasant. Surely China after all is a democratic country.—"N.-C. Daily News."

NEW YORK BEAUTIFUL.

London, November 18.—New York has become within recent years "a thing of beauty, fit for the brush of a master artist," Sir John Lavery, R.A., who has just returned from the United States, declared to-day.

"The city which not so many years ago was a succession of prison-like blocks has changed," he said, "Newer and beautiful architecture has appeared, which has completely altered the monotony of the buildings."

Sir John attributed the intense activity of New York's inhabitants to "the sparkling and exhilarating air."—"China Press."

LAWLESS ACTS.

STUDENTS' STATEMENT TO CHIEF OF POLICE.

The Shanghai Chinese Student's Union on November 14 sent the following letter to the Chief of the Woosung and Shanghai Constabulary:

"This Union is a public body working for the welfare of students. The activities have been undertaken for the benefit of students only, and it has never committed any lawless acts. Since the May 30 incident this Union has been guiding the students and advising them not to resort to extreme measures. This can be proven and must be within your knowledge as well. Now the general situation is very critical. People in various walks of life have expressed their views, and we have also to voice our opinion in order to show that students are keeping in close touch with the general situation of the country. Unexpectedly, on November 9, a large batch of police suddenly called at the office of our Union, sealed it up and arrested two officers of the Union who are still in prison. The people know that you are doing your utmost to maintain peace and order in this locality, but it is not proper for you to punish those innocent of any crime. Since this unfortunate incident the students of the various local educational institutions have become restless and their minds are greatly disturbed. Despite the advice of this Union, the attitude of these students is in no way reassuring. Thus your measures to maintain peace and order have had just the opposite results. We, therefore, most earnestly request you to order the removal of the seal from the office, the release of our officers and the return of the documents seized so as to show your broad-mindedness. It would be unwise of you to reject our request, because it would lead to constant disquietude. We hope you will give this matter your careful consideration."

PEKING DEADLOCK.

NO MORE CABINET MEETINGS?

Peking, November 18. — Dr. Wellington Koo's Cabinet has resolved to resign en bloc on the ground that it is very difficult to control the political situation. The resignation of the Cabinet is expected to be announced after the Cabinet meeting which is to be held either on the 20th or on the 23rd.

Resignation was contemplated before the Tientsin Conference was opened, and the Ministers have finally agreed to-day.

It is generally observed that after the wholesale resignations, no Cabinet meetings would be held, that it would therefore, be impossible for China to open negotiations as to the revision of the Sino-Japanese Commercial Treaty; and consequently negotiations would be deadlocked pending the stabilisation of the situation.—"Toho."

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"This was not by any means the only infringement of Concessions regulations which took place. In spite of repeated protests motor-cars carrying armed officials and armed guards on the running boards continue to dash through the Concessions and at 6.20 p.m. Friday motor-car No. 202 was observed hurrying along Hunan Road in the direction of Sin Seng Road, on the running boards was the usual complement of armed guards. Other armed soldiers were seen outside Messrs. Weeks' premises during the afternoon. In each case these men carried cocked revolvers with their fingers on the triggers."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

November 30—Queen's Theatre; "The Alaskan".

November 30—World Theatre; "My Old Dutch."

November 30—Star Theatre; "Changing Husbands."

November 30—St. Andrew's Ball, City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

November 30—Hong Kong Hotel Tea Dance, 4.30 p.m.

December 10, 11, 13, 17, 18—The H.K. Philharmonic Society presents" "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m., Matinee on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.

Sport.

December 4—Theatre Royal; Second Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assen, 9.15 p.m.

Meeting.

November 30—Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

December 5—Forty-third Al Fresco Fête of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the compound of the Catholic Cathedral, 8.30-11.30 p.m.

December 7—Free lecture at Old Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, by Mr. John Randall Dunn, C.S.B. of Boston, U.S.A., 5.45 p.m.

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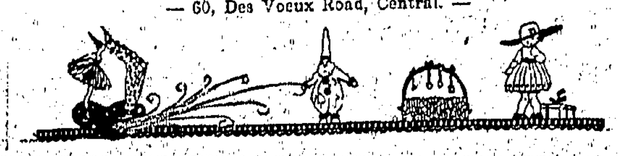

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The case against a former employee of the New Zealand Insurance Company who is charged with embezzlement, was again before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy. The case was further adjourned.

The Resident of Pahang has appointed Mr. C. J. Dunn to be a member of the Vigilance Committee in and for the district of Temerloh, for the purpose of watching cinematograph films, posters and advertisements and to act as recipient of complaints and information arising from exhibition display or publication of such.

Another kidnapping case was brought before the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on November 23, when four elderly women were charged with kidnapping six girls, their ages ranging from five to ten years. Owing to there being a number of witnesses the Court was unable to proceed with the case, which was adjourned for one week, the children to be held by the Door of Hope.

Since the end of August the silver dollar has come to be an article of merchandise in which there is a big import from Hong Kong, says a Bangkok paper. We know of one case in which a ship brought something approaching half a million dollars, and no doubt there were many other cases. The price of silver is down and so is the exchange value of the silver dollar. People with money buy dollars in the hope of a big profit when the value goes up again."

Dao Ching-sie, formerly a cotton mill worker and wharf coolie, who was thrown out of employment as a result of the May 30 incident last year, was arrested in Pootung by the Chinese police and transferred to the military court for interrogation. He was eventually executed a few days ago. The Shanghai General Labour Union has issued a declaration stating that the execution of Dao Ching-sie by the Chinese authorities should convince the people of the absolute necessity of having self-government in Shanghai.

The strike of the Wei Tung Cotton Mill, which began on November 21, still continues, and 1,481 hands are affected.

There will be a Public Lecture at the Helena May Institute on Monday, December 6, at 5.30 p.m. given by Mr. Lindsell on "Chinese Names." Admission free.

Observing that it was a case of wanton cruelty, Major C. Willson fined a Chinese $10 at the Central Magistracy yesterday for plucking the feathers off a live pigeon.

Mr. D. C. Weir, employed by the Jardine Engineering Corporation, was fined $5 by Magistrate King in the British Police Court, Shanghai, on Nov. 19, for failing to obey a police traffic signal at the junction of Yates and Bubbling Well Roads.

In view of the fact that native soldiery have been making a habit of searching Chinese in the Nantao and Chapei districts of Shanghai before the hour of the Curfew Colonel Yen Tsung-yang has issued an order that this practice must cease and that all pedestrians must be treated with the utmost civility and courtesy.

The proposal that the Japanese share of the Boxer indemnity be devoted to educational work in China has aroused the hostility of the Kiangsu Educational Association in Shanghai, on the ground that it will mean the training of Chinese students along Japanese lines. The Association has urged the teachers and students of local Chinese colleges to join in a strong protest on the subject to the Peking Government.

Inquiries made in Shanghai on Nov. 20, into the whereabouts of Mr. Harrendorf, German merchant, arrested by the Japanese authorities at Yokohama recently in the act of absconding from Shanghai after allegedly perpetrating huge frauds on several local banks, revealed the fact that Harrendorf is still in custody in Japan, though steps are being taken to have him removed to Shanghai for trial.

On November 18 another meeting was held by the Chinese and foreign authorities of Shanghai in discussion of problems concerning the rendition of the Mixed Court. The decision, however, is unknown.

In Washington on November 18, Gov.-Gen. Wood of the Philippine Islands was charged with "usurpation of Legislative and judicial functions" in abolishing the board of control at Manila in a statement issued by the Washington office of the Philippine Independence League.

A Peking message of Nov. 18 states:—As a result of to-day's meeting of the Cabinet, the Government has instructed the Ministry of Home Affairs to make preparations for the restoration of administrative power of the Belgian Concession in Tientsin, which is to be followed by the declaration of the invalidity of the Sino-Belgium Treaty of Commerce.

"It appears that many people in other provinces" (writes the Kueiyang correspondent of the "N.-C. Daily News") "think that travelling in Kueichow is very dangerous on account of robbers. I am glad to say that since Gen. Chow Hsi-cheng took over the Governorship of the province, he has been steadily suppressing robbers and it is probably as safe to travel in most parts of this province as elsewhere.

The Western conception of "the sinister Oriental" it seems is not yet dead. On November 17, says the "N.-C. Daily News," a number of "Ryndum" students, anxious to get as much colour as possible in the short space of time at their disposal, but with no ambitions in the way of waking up in the middle of the night with "a fiendish yellow devil" leaning over them with a knife, demanding their money or other life, asked a police officer if he thought it would be very dangerous to sleep in a Chinese hotel for the night. We suspect the officer of a sense of humour, for though his reply is not on record, we do know that the students dropped the idea.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Hon. Mr. P. J. Sproule, Senior Puisne Judge, Penang, has returned from leave.

Mr R. Scott has been appointed Resident Councillor, Penang, with effect from June 9, 1926.

Archdeacon and Mrs. Swindell have been granted six months' furlough and are due to leave Singapore on December 7.

Aafaf Pasha Elaskari, the Diplomatic Agent of Iraq in London, has been recalled to Iraq to form a Cabinet, and is leaving immediately for Bagdad, says a London message of November 7. Atta Beymin, Secretary of the Agency, is carrying on in London provisionally.

Miss Hope Falkner, well-known Singapore artist and daughter of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Hope Falkner, who has been seriously ill in hospital for a month, is improving. The improvement is necessarily slow, however, and Miss Hope Falkner is likely to be in hospital for several weeks more.

Mr. E. C. Van Buren, Warehouseman of the Singapore Harbour Board, retires to-day after about 13 years service and proceeds to Australia early next month to join his wife and three children who preceded him some time ago. It is his intention to settle there instead of returning to his home in Ceylon.

Officially stated to be travelling for private reasons, General Li Lieh-chun came down from Canton to Hong Kong yesterday, it is believed, to go to Shanghai. From Shanghai, General Li is expected to return to his native province of Kiangsi, by way of Kiukiang. General Li was chief of staff to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen several years ago, and recently returned to Canton to confer with the Nationalist Government.

The death of Mr. Maxmilian Joseph Gomes took place in Malacca on November 10. He was a school teacher, and was so engaged for over forty years. He was born in Malacca, and educated at the High School (then known as the Free School), leaving there to go to Raffles Institution, Singapore, as a teacher, where he remained for about four years. He then went back to Malacca, to join the teaching staff of the High School, from which he retired on pension.

Mrs. A. P. Scott has returned to Shanghai from England.

Dr. A. G. H. Smart has been appointed Health Officer for Penang.

Mr. Chung Wing-kwong, the Canton educationalist, returned to Canton from Hong Kong yesterday.

A farewell function to Rao Sahib D. Arulanandam, the Indian Government Agents, in Singapore was largely attended.

Mr. D. Beatty, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, S.S., has been granted leave of absence for two and a half months, before retirement.

Mr. B. Preedy, of Anderson School, Ipoh, goes on Home leave shortly. His place will be taken by Mr. Lewis, who arrived from Home recently.

A Reuter cable from Tokyo states that the Bishop of London arrived there yesterday afternoon, and is stopping two or three days at the British Embassy before going to Korea. A very full programme has been arranged.

The health of the Emperor of Japan continues unimproved, according to court physicians, and His Majesty will spend the remainder of the winter in the Imperial Villa at Hayama, of which he is very fond. The health of the Empress this winter is described as excellent.

In connection with the taking over of the control of the International Mixed Court in Shanghai, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, and Civil Governor Chen Dao-yi, have jointly appointed Mr. Zee Vei-tsing, former Chief Procurator of the Shansi High Court, to take charge of the preparatory work for the formation of a provisional Court in Shanghai in place of the present International Mixed Court.

The death occurred at the General Hospital at Shanghai last week, of Miss E. Fletcher, the Matron of the Hospital. Miss Fletcher was taken suddenly ill with internal trouble and although everything possible was done it was too late to save her life. The deceased lady assumed duty in Malaya in 1908 and, apart from furlough, had been continuously on duty at Penang, Malacca and, for the last four years, Singapore.

Mr. J. A. Spiller, acting General Manager, F.M.S. Railways, is going Home.

Mr. Chin Nyit Aun, an ex-pupil of the Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh, is now on his way back to Malaya. He has passed his Final Civil Engineers' Examination at the Battersea Polytechnic.

A rather sensational report published locally last week that Sun Chuan-fang's family had left Shanghai and taken refuge in Tientsin was evidently erroneous, says the "N.C.D. Mail." Seven delegates (tai-piao) from Marshal Sun arrived last week, but the report that they were Sun's "family" caused much amusement.

A very successful Franco-British tiffin was held at the Royal Air Force Association of Shanghai headquarters, on Nov. 19, the guests being British and French officers. These included Lieutenant Bruyere, the new Deputy Chief in the French Police, Captain E. Fiori, Chief of French Police. Paymaster Commander J. M. L. Cusack, Resident Naval Naval Officer, Commander Harvey, and Captain M. Chapeaux, Chief of the French Fire Brigade, of the French Fire Brigade.

News has been received that Mr. Tan Soo-hock, F.R.C.S. Edin., eldest son of Mr. Y. E. Tan, has left Genoa for Singapore and is due there on or about the 26th inst. Mr. Tan, Soo-hock, after graduating in Edinburgh, proceeded to Vienna to take up post graduate work and completed a special course on eye diseases. On completing this course he went to Berlin, Leipsig, and Paris to study the methods adopted at the eye clinics in these places. He will start private practice in Singapore, says the "Free Press."

General Chen I, Civil Governor of Chekiang, accompanied by 20 of his bodyguards, arrived at the North Station, Shanghai, on November 18, from Hangchow by rail, and left for Nanking. He was met on arrival at the station by Dr. V. K. Ting, director of the Woosung-Shanghai Special Administrative Area, General Li Pao-tsang, commander of the Shanghai Martial Law Area, Ning Shao-san, managing director of the S.N.R. and S.H.N.R. stations, and a party of police and soldiers.

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SPORTS SECTION

F. A. CUP DRAW.

Teams Paired for 2nd Round.

SWINDON LOSE IN REPLAY.

Next Stage in Home Soccer Competition.

London, Nov. 29.

Replaying (after a draw on Saturday) in the 1st round of the competition proper" of the Football Association Cup to-day, Swindon lost to Bournemouth by 3 goals to 1.—Reuter.

The Draw.

London, Nov. 29.

The 2nd round will be played on Dec. 11. The draw is as follows:—

Carlisle v. Bedlington.
Ashington v. Nelson.
Southport or Tranmere v. Crook.
Chilton Collieries v. Accrington.
Crewe or Northern Nomads v. Wigan or Barrow.
Rhyl or Stoke v. Wrexham or New Brighton.
Walsall v. Mansfield.
Coventry v. Lincoln.
Desborough or Doncaster v. Chesterfield or Mexborough.
Grimsby v. York or Worksop.
Barking or Gillingham v. Clapton or Brentford.
Nunhead v. Poole.
Torquay or Bristol Rovers v. Charlton.
Luton v. Northfleet.
Bristol City v. Bournemouth.
Exeter v. Boston or Northampton.
Crystal Palace or Norwich v. Chatham.
Watford v. Brighton.
Reading or Weymouth v. Southend.—Reuter.

League Result.

London, Nov. 29.

In division 1 of the English Football League to-day, Sheffield Wednesday beat Cardiff by 3 goals to nil.—Reuter.

"WHITE WINGS."

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP YACHTING.

Nineteen boats turned out yesterday, under favourable conditions, for the third (ladies') championship races of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The course (5.6 miles) was from the Club to Lyemun Beacon, Cust Rock buoy and finish at the Club.

In the Handicap Class, the finishing order (on handicap), and points gained by each yacht to date were:—La Linda (Mrs. Ratsey) 1st, 14 points to date; Diana (Mrs. Miles) 2nd, 10 points; Colleen (Miss Hazeland) 3rd, 8 points; Falcon (Miss Shaw) 4th, 14 points; Dorothea (Mrs. Lambert) 5th, 2 points; Argylla (Mrs. Carson) 6th, 3 points.

Lady Clementi took part in the race for the combined Heyward Hays and Gael classes. She sailed in the "Zephyr" which finished ninth. The order according to corrected time (on handicap) and points are not available. The finishing order of these 13 yachts was:—Boojum (Miss Lewis), Daphne (Mrs. Claridge), Bluenose (Mrs. Mitchell), Why Wonder? (Mrs. Fausset), Halcyon (Mrs. Chater), Ailsa (Mrs. Chapple) Pierrette (Mrs. Yates), Sealark (Mrs. Hunt), Zephyr (Lady Clementi), Gael (Miss Birkett), Lola (Mrs. Cardew), Joan (Miss Wilkinson), Theela (Miss Butcher).

GOLF DRAW.

R.H.K.G.C. CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS.

Having tied with a score of 164 each on Sunday in the Jasper Clark Cup competition (which is also the qualifying round of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club championship), A. H. Ferguson and I. W. Shewan will play off for the trophy.

These two and the fourteen others who qualified will take part in the championship proper, the draw being as follows:—

I. W. Shewan v. F. J. de Rome.
J. W. Franks v. A. H. Ferguson.
W. L. Dunbar v. L. Newton.
Capt. H. F. Bloxham v. H. V. Sheldon.
F. A. Redmond v. D. G. Bruce.
N. L. Smith v. A. Leach.
A. B. Purves v. C. Bulmer Johnson.
T. D. E. Pendered v. L. G. S. Dodwell.

[The first two rounds will be played on Sunday, Dec. 5, the semi-finals on Dec. 12 and the final on Dec. 19.]

GOLF CHALLENGE.

DUNCAN'S MATCH FOR £500 A-SIDE.

AMERICAN ACCEPTS.

London, Nov. 29.

George Duncan's challenge made in September to any American professional golfer for a match over 72 holes, for £500 a-side, has been accepted by Harry Cooper of Elsereno.

Duncan goes to America on Dec. 1 and proceeds to Florida for the match which will probably be in early January. The venues have not been decided.—Reuter.

NOT "PRO." YET.

ANDERSON TO PLAY IN DAVIS CUP?

Melbourne, Nov. 29.

It is understood that the strenuous efforts being made to induce J. O. Anderson (the Australian lawn tennis player), not yet to become a professional, have been generally realised.

In view of G. L. Patterson's present form, Australia has an excellent chance in the next Davis Cup tournament if Anderson is included.—Reuter.

LAWN TENNIS.

L. R. C. RESULTS THIS WEEK.

Matches played last week in the Ladies' Recreation Club annual lawn tennis tournament resulted:—

Ladies' Open Singles.

1st round:—Miss E. Grimble beat Mrs. Railton, 6-3, 6-2.

2nd round:—Mrs. Martell Hall beat Mrs. Sayer, 6-4, 6-1; Miss Miles beat Mrs. Digby, 6-3, 6-1; Miss Enid Lo beat Mrs. E. Grimble.

Ladies' (Club) Singles.

1st round:—Mrs. Stark beat Miss Grant, 6-1, 6-2; Miss Lawrie beat Miss Riddle, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5.

2nd round:—Mrs. James beat Mrs. Hall, 6-3, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles.

1st round:—Col. and Mrs. C. Russell Brown beat Mrs. Remington and Mr. Sewell.

2nd round:—Miss Lawrie and Mr. Lawrie beat Mrs. Bell and Mr. Brearley, 6-2, 6-4; Miss Bourchier and Mr. Graves walk over from Miss Chippon and Mr. Browne.

Doubles Handicap.

1st round:—Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Railton (owe 15) beat Mrs. Digby and Mrs. Bell (owe 4/6), 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; Mrs. Shellshear and Miss Fothergill (rec. 4/6) beat Miss Lewis and Miss Brown.

2nd round:—Mrs. Stark and Mrs. James beat Mrs. Shellshear and Miss Fothergill (rec. 4/6), 9-7, 6-1; Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. Rowley (owe 15.2) beat Mrs. Russell Brown and Mrs. Remington (owe 15), 6-3, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.

1st round:—Mrs. Rowley and Mrs. Baker (scr.) beat Mrs. Hall and Mr. Remington; Mrs. Mackidan and Mr. Rowley w.o. from Miss Chippon and Mr. Browne.

2nd round:—Mrs. Russell Brown and Mr. Larkcom (scr.) beat Mr. and Mrs. Monaghan, 6-4, 7-5; Mr. and Mrs. Meston (rec. 15) beat Mrs. Davenport Brown and Mr. Lloyd (owe 3/6); Mrs. Rowley and Mr. Baker (scr.) beat Mrs. Cook and Mr. Nowers; Mr. and Mrs. Stark (owe 4/6) beat Miss Bourchier and Mr. Graves (scr.) 9-7, 6-2.

Men's Singles.

1st round:—Col. C. Russell Brown beat Major C. Willson, 6-1, 2-6, 6-1; G. R. Sewell beat H. R. Remington; W. A. Nowers beat T. C. Monaghan; Humphreys beat Forster, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

2nd round:—R. M. Henderson, w.o. from Lawrie.

YACHT MATCH.

Two of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yachts sailed in a private match yesterday to test the merits of the racing classes they represented.

Over a course to Channel Rocks and back to the Club, "Ailsa" (sailed by Comdr. F. Ratsey, R.N.) beat "Bluenose" (sailed by Mrs. Mitchell) by 1 minute, 42 seconds.

The winner belongs to the One Design class—and the loser to the Heyward Hays class.

OLD SPORT

FANLING GOLF.

The optional pool of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling on Sunday, which drew 33 entries, was won by D. G. Bruce with a score of 86-10=76. N. L. Smith 84-7=77 and J. W. Franks 87-10=77 divide the second prize.

NEED FOR UNITY.

WHY FOREIGNERS SHOULD ACT TOGETHER.

The Tzehutsing (Szechuan) correspondent of the "N.-C. Daily News" wrote on November 1:—

The Wanhsien incident has absorbed the attention of all warring parties and prevented war breaking out between the two sets of rival military parties. Yang Sen's opponents all declared they were willing to bury the hatchet and agree with him in turning out the British from China.

The teashops are crowded with listeners to agitators pleading with the people to boycott everything British on account of the Wanhsien incident, but in every case there are friends of Britain, and sometimes hot discussions have taken place. One man declared Great Britain was China's friend and because Yang Sen quarrelled with the steamer company and got up a row with the gunboat, the common people of China should not have to suffer for a General's mistake, for certainly it was wrong for Yang Sen to commandeer a passenger steamer of another nation to carry his troops. Great Britain did right in refusing to carry troops on her vessels trading in China for that would be taking sides with one party, which would certainly make trouble.

What Masses Believe.

The roaring crowd called out that the gunboat of the British fired into Wanhsien, killing thousands of innocent people and ruining millions of property. The gunboat men were afraid to fire on General Yang Sen's army, were the cries from some, while others said "I wish the gunboat had killed thousands of the soldiers and perhaps we would be able to get peace in China."

The difficulty is that the lies are believed and the truth does not penetrate the minds of the masses at all; the clever lying agitators get the lie across the country like chain lightening.

The presence of foreign gunboats in far inland China is a very sore grievance to nearly everyone, and there must be very carefully worded explanations given and insistence upon all officials publishing them before the inland Chinese people will be satisfied that foreign gunboats should be allowed in their country.

Great Britain is singled out as the enemy of China by agitators, who know the jealousy between foreign nations re China's trade, and consider it will be fine to drive a wedge between the nations, especially between Great Britain and America. The returned students from America, seem to be the greatest sinners along that line as far as reports are concerned. In the case of Wanhsien, the French and Japanese are given credit for acting as gentlemen and refusing to fire on the people, although Yang Sen had commandeered their ships to carry troops.

Common Action Needed.

We cannot over emphasize the importance of all foreign nations acting together in their relations with China, for the sake of peace, and there would be no necessity for war if all nations would act together.

It is very important that foreign nations know what China is saying and thinking about them and especially all Consuls, and gunboats of all nations trading with China should take note and act together for the sake of peace in China and avoid friction between themselves.

The leading gentry in this part of the province of Szechuan, are opposed to war with Great Britain and very anxious that the missionaries shall not leave the province at present.

DEATH OF A BISHOP.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 13:—Bishop Michael John Hoban, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Scranton, Pa., died to-day, aged 73.—"Associated Press."

[Bishop Hoban gained wide prominence because of his activities in behalf of the miners in the anthracite coal regions, by whom he was regarded as a welfare as well as a spiritual leader. His interest in the miners was second only to that of his church and diocese and his relations with the coal workers was such that his influence had a beneficial effect upon the lives of people of many faiths. Bishop Hoban frequently was called upon by the miners for advice and aid in their disputes with the mine owners and several times he was credited with bringing the two sides together in amicable agreement, generally favourable to the miners. The confidence of the miners in the bishop was such that even at times when they did not agree with his suggestions they accepted them, knowing that he was acting not only for their interests but for the general good of their dependants.]

WAR PROPHECY.

KUOMINTANG WILL CAPTURE THE PEOPLE.

Mr. John McCook Roots, son of Bishop Roots, of Hankow, for some time one of the secretaries of the Chinese National Christian Council, arrived in London on October 13. To a representative of the "Manchester Guardian" he said he met Wu Pei-fu about six weeks before. "It was just before the Cantonese made themselves felt in Hunan, and the General poohpoohed the idea that they would have any success. He told me he had something else to do than to look after them, and was full of his own plans, especially that of trying to get Chang Tso-lin to help him. He is now probably wishing that he had not been so preoccupied."

Now that Feng Yu-hsiang's troops have more or less espoused the Cantonese ideals, which the Cantonese army has been preaching to them, Mr. Roots, who has lived all his life in China and has been recently teaching history at the Boone School, Hankow, thinks that the real struggle will be between them and a coalition of the militarists. "The latter call themselves anti-Bolshevists," he said, "mainly to capture foreign influence, but they have really nothing in common, except a mutual fear that the People's party will establish itself in China and leave no room for the militarists."

The Christian General's Army.

"I believe that the Kuomintang will gradually capture the Chinese people. They have a real cause, and not just personal ends to serve. I gather that General Feng's Christianity has a little cooled since he went to Moscow, and there is likely to be an interesting mixture of Feng's men with the followers of Sun Yat-sen." In the Peking area, Mr. Roots said that while the Allied troops of Wu and Chang caused much suffering among the people, Feng's army retained its reputation and was treating the people excellently, although very much under Russian influence.

Before leaving China, Mr. Roots had a talk with Dr. C. T. Wang, who frankly told him that China's choice was between the League of Soviet Republics and the League of Nations, and their choice will depend on which offers most. China does not wish to take over Russian ideas, but Russia wants China's friendship. China's choice, therefore, would be of the group which offered her the best advantages.

In Moscow, where Mr. Roots found himself held up for three weeks, as his passport and notes had been stolen, he paid a visit to the Sun Yat-sen University. "At present," he said "there are 400 students there. At the end of the year these will have risen to 700, and next year it is expected to be 1,000. Twenty-five per cent. are Chinese girls. They study history, economics, and geography, but no science or philosophy. Karl Radek is the principal. They are impressed with the inevitability of the class struggle, but nevertheless seem to be somewhat detached in outlook, and are not necessarily becoming wholeheartedly Bolshevik. One of them said to me, 'Why don't you Americans get rid of the treaties and give us a programme as Russia has done? This is all we want.'" It was Mr. Roots's opinion that until British and American business interests insist on the Governments concerned doing this, "Christianity in China will go pottering round" as far as missionary work is concerned, for the country will pay little attention to this foreign religion. "In the future, too," he said, "it is only the very best missionaries who will be able to do any good there."

LIVE SHELL.

AT FRENCH MANOEUVRES IN TIENTSIN.

Interesting manoeuvres were carried out by the French Corps d'Occupation in China in the open country to the east of the Arsenal de l'Est, Tientsin, on November 5, in the presence of a large gathering of American, British, Chinese, French and Italian Military officers.

The Chinese army was represented by General Chang Hsueh-liang and upwards of seventy other Chinese officers, and among the civilian spectators were the ex-Emperor of China and a number of local French residents.

The general theme of the manoeuvres was most carefully worked out and the various movements were carried out by the French troops with remarkable precision and skill in spite of the difficult nature of the very open tract of country.

Colonel Huntziger, who was in command of the French troops, extended a hearty welcome to the Chinese and foreign officers, and, with his staff, assisted them with information on technical matters.

AVIATION.

PROGRESS MADE IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Nov. 11.—The question of aviation in its relationship to national defence has been receiving no small attention in the Japanese Press of late. Throughout the summer a controversy raged regarding the respective merits of aircraft and auxiliary war craft for keeping the coasts of Japan immune from attack. While fully recognising the importance of a strong air force, however, the naval men produced very effective arguments to show that, if it were a case of one or the other (and national economy made it impossible to have both) a strong force of auxiliary vessels was the more important of the two for Japan.

The Navy having proved its point to the satisfaction of the general public, the Press then began to demand that, as a numerical increase in air strength was out of the question, greater efficiency should be assured amongst such aerial units as existed, and proceeded to attack the military authorities for the alleged inefficiency of the military air force as compared with the naval air force. In support of their contention it was stated that, during certain bombing tests carried out recently, the naval planes registered 88 per cent. hits, whereas the Army machines missed the target every time.

Although the figures quoted appear to be beyond dispute, the papers overlooked the fact that the Army machines used on this occasion belonged to a newly-formed bombing squadron which had, up to then, had little or no practice. It would not, therefore, be right to regard this very poor exhibition as the standard of efficiency in Japan's military air force as a whole. Nevertheless, there is but little doubt that both in training and equipment the Japanese naval airmen are superior to their military brethren, though it is certainly untrue to say, as one paper averred, that "the Army planes refrain from flying whenever a stiff wind blows." Not only is this contrary to the true facts, but it is doing less than justice to the military aviators who, whatever their faults, are certainly not lacking in courage.

To generalise it may be said that the Army machines are more out of date than those used by the naval service, and are mainly of old French pattern, whereas the Navy is well provided with modern British-type aircraft. Pilots in both services have a high average standard of efficiency, but outstanding men are rare, if they exist at all. Though not lacking either in enthusiasm or courage, the Japanese airman, as a whole, is prone to be unduly careless regarding the condition of his machine and to take unnecessary risks. In addition to this, he is apt to be deficient in what may be termed the mechanical instinct and not infrequently fails to detect his machine is not running true. Given better machines and different training, however, the Japanese military airmen should be no whit inferior to the naval aviators who, despite reports to the contrary, have the makings of a very efficient body of men.

SWALLOWS PINS.

New York, Nov. 19.

Mary Ieda, 17 years old, was treated in the Long Island College Hospital yesterday after she had swallowed two pins. This was her second trip to the hospital for the same cause. Physicians removed from her stomach some time ago a pin which she had swallowed, she said, because her family objected to her sweetheart.

When the family renewed their objections several days ago, she said, she swallowed two pins. She told physicians she thought her family "would show more leniency" if she got "very sick."—"China Press."

ALTITUDE BALLOONS.

Akron, O., Nov. 20.

High altitude balloons designed for the defence of cities from aeroplane attacks are being manufactured for the Army Air Service, it was learned here to-day. The new bags are called "barrage balloons" and are capable of reaching a height of three miles. They are to be attached to steel cables and sent aloft without a crew in such number as to form a circle above and around a beleaguered city. A net-work will connect the cables.—"China Press."

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Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Brokers' Share & Real Society.
T.T. on London	1/11	1/11	1/11
T.T. on Shanghai	79½	79½	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1165 sa.	1170 s.	1170 n.
do. London.	£118. s.	—	£118 n.
Chartered Bank	£21 b.	£21 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£30 n.	£30½ n.	—
do. C.	£13½ n.	£13½ n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£9¾ b.	£10 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n.	80 s.	80 b.
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	640 b.	625 n.	$630 b.
China Underwriters	1.45 n.	1.30 b.	1.30 s.
North China Insurance	T145 n.	140 n.	—
Union Insurance	295½ sa.	295 b. 296 s.	295 b.
Yangtze Insurance	$45 M. b.	40 n.	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	617½ b.	615 b.	615 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	29 b. 29 s.	28 b. 29 s.	28 b.
Hongkong Steamboats	27½ n.	27½ s.	27½ n.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1¾ s.	2¼ n.	2 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	32 b.	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.)	42 b.	40 n.	40 s.
Shell Transports	90/- n.	90/- n.	90/- n.
Star Ferries	62 s.	60 b. 61 s.	61 s.
Water-boats	15 b.	15 n.	15 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	25¾ s.	25/25¼ sa.	24 b.
Malabon Sugars	36 n.	35 s.	36 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	1¼ n.	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38/- n.	42/6 n.	47/- n.
Langkats (Combined)	$27 n.	28 s.	28½ n.
do. (Single)	14 n.	14 s.	—
Shanghai Exploration	T4½ n.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	T9 n.	9 s.	—
Raubs	4½ n.	3.40 b.	3½ n.
Tronoh Mines	88/- b.	85/- b.	—
Ural Caspians	8/- n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	122 s.	110 s.	120 s.
H.K. & W. Docks	50¼ n.	53 s.	56 s.
Hongkews	T175 n.	—	175 n.
New Engineerings	T6.60 n.	6¼ s.	6¼ n.
Shanghai Docks	T125 n.	124 s.	125 n.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	9¾ b.	9¾ b. 10 s.	10 s.
Hongkong Lands	60 s.	58½ b.	60 s.
Hongkong Realty	6.15 b.	6 b.	6¼ s.
H.K. Territorial	4 s.	4 s.	4 s.
Humphreys Estates	15½ s.	15 s.	15 s.
Prince's Building	80 n.	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1½ n.	—	—
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Ewo Cottons	T9½ s.	9 b. 9.30 s.	9½ s.
Orientals	T3 s.	2½ b. 2¾ s.	2½ b.
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do. (new)	5 s.	5 s.	5 n.
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Lane, Crawfords	8 n.	7 s.	7 s.
Macao Electrics	35 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	19½ n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	6.90 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	15¾ b.	15 s.	17 n.
do. (new)	7.60 n.	8 n.	7½ s.
Sinceres	9¾ s.	9.10 b.	9 n.
Singapore Trams	15/- s.	14/- s.	15/- n.
Taxis	2 s.	1 b.	95 Cts. b.
United Asbestos	—	—	—
(Founders)	—	—	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n.	18 n.	—
Watsons	14 s.	13¾ s.	13½ s.
Wm. Powells	6½ n.	5 b.	5 n.
H.K. Telephones	4 s.	3.80 b. 4 s.	3½ b.

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Credits, 4 months' sight ... 1450
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Amsterdam	12.13
Milan	113
Berlin	20.41½
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.22½
Oslo	18.22½
Vienna	34.40½
Prague	198½
Helsingfors	193½
Madrid	32.04½
Lisbon	3 17/32
Rio	5 1/16
Buenos Aires	45 25/32
Bombay	1/5 27/32
Shanghai	9/5½
Hongkong	1/11½
Yokohama	2/0 5/16
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—British Wireless Service.

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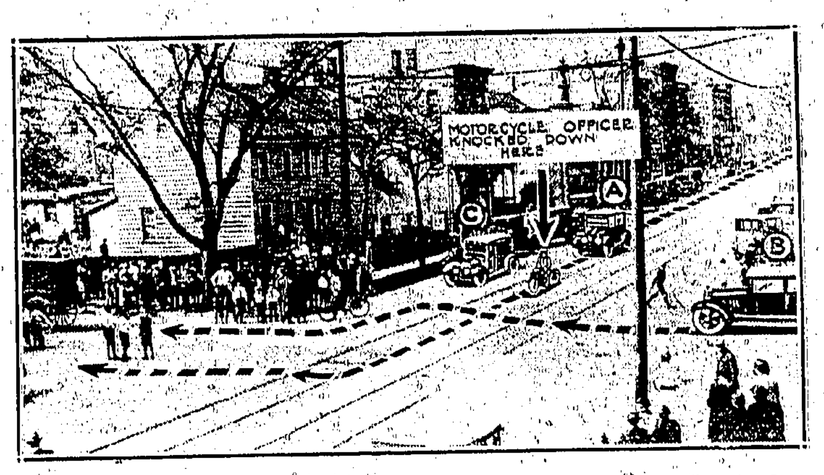
People and Events in the News of the World

Mrs. Marshall Field, one of the first women prominent socially to brave the hardships and dangers of a tropical wilderness, returns with members of the Field Museum Expedition from a two months' journey through South American Jungles. Many rare specimens of animal life were obtained. Photo shows, from left to right, Curzon Taylor, Dr. George Cherrie, leader of the expedition, and Mrs. Field.

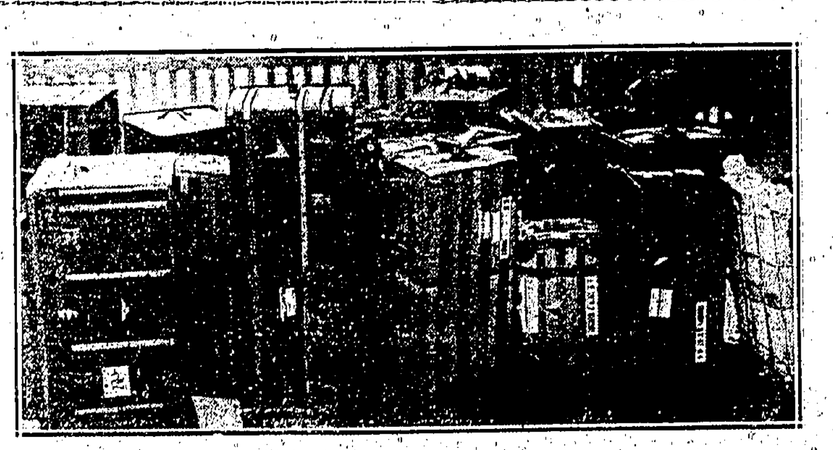


This picture, drawn over a photograph, shows how a gang of bandits robbed a mail truck. One car (A) knocked over a police escort, while the bandits' second car (B) blocked the mail truck (C). The bandits' spray of machine gun fire killed one man on the mail truck, injured another and the policeman. Mail sacks were seized and the bandits fled.

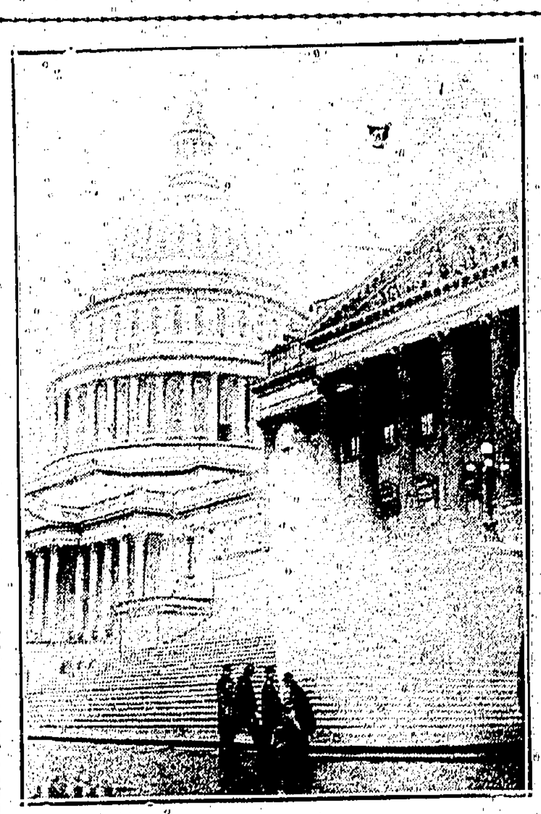
Edward W. Browning, "Cinderella man" and husband of Frances "Peaches" Browning, played leap frog with newspapermen to demonstrate his virility and fitness for married life.

Felix Di Martini, detective employed by Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, was arrested on charges of being an accessory after the fact of the Hall-Mills murder.

Vincent Richards, Olympic and national doubles champion tennis player, has signed a contract to tour under the management of C. C. Pyle. Richards' playing during the year entitles him, in the opinion of experts, to rank No. 1 for 1926. He will accompany Suzanne Lenglen, Mary K. Browne and Paul Feret on tour. Photo shows Vincent Richards, Miss Suzanne Lenglen, C. C. Pyle and Miss Mary K. Browne.



Here is the personal baggage of Queen Marie of Roumania, which is following her around the country.



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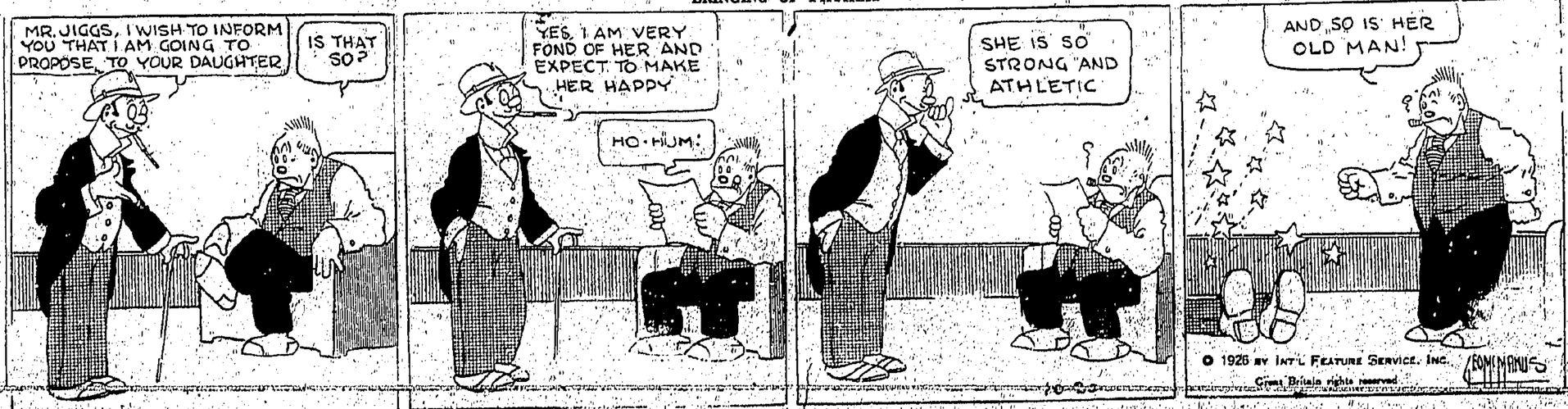

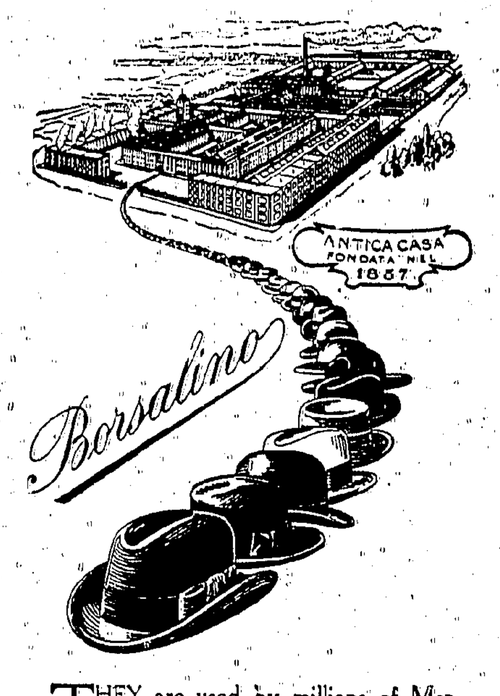

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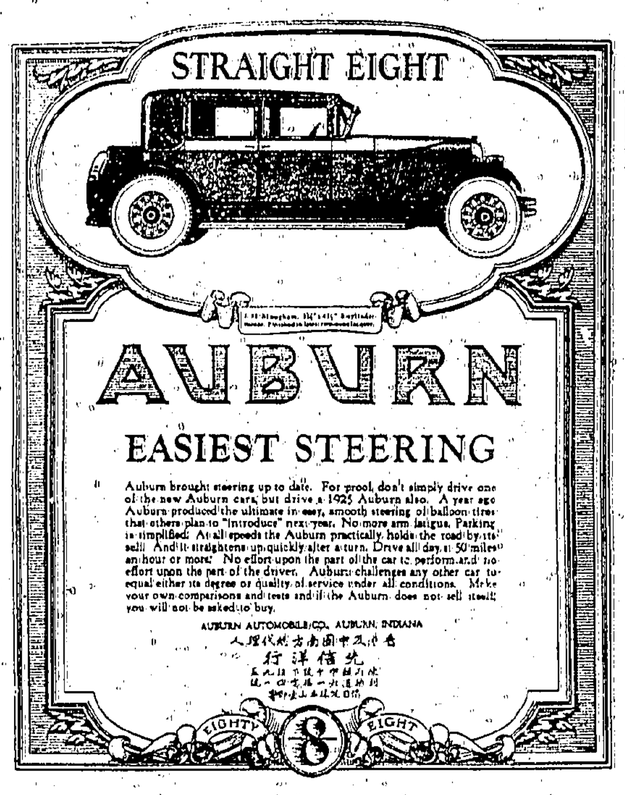

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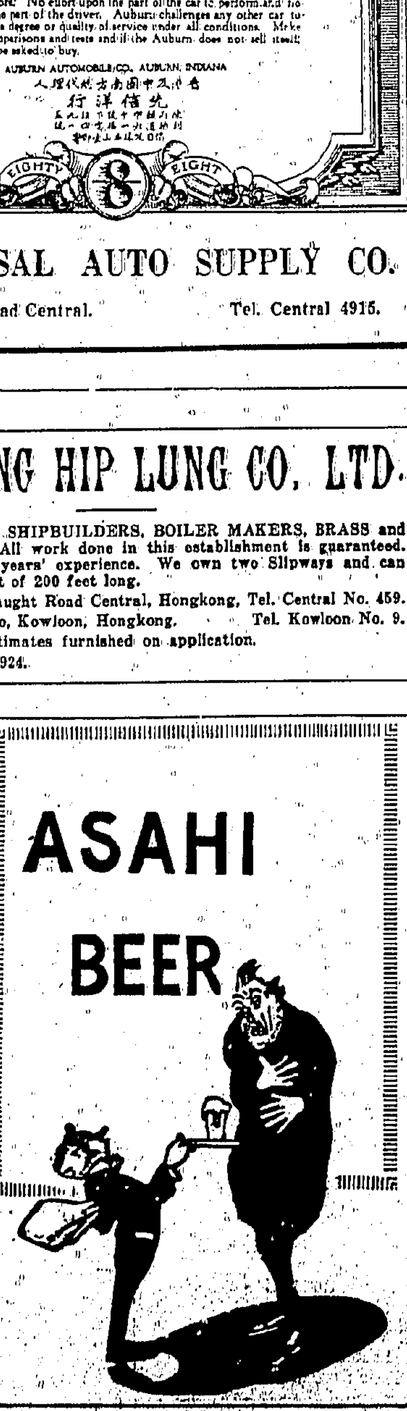

SOVIET IN CHINA.

THE POLICY PURSUED IN MANCHURIA.

Mukden, November 7.—Details are now available of the course of action which the new Soviet Envoy to China is now pursuing in Manchuria.

M. Tchernych was granted an audience with the Marshal on October 22 when it was learned that M. Tchernych was the fully accredited representative of the Russian Government. On the occasion of this audience the visitor departed from the etiquette of such meetings, which prescribed that the conversation be limited to the exchange of courtesies, and proceeded to express regret that incidents had occurred in connection with the Chinese Eastern Railway which were not in accord with the spirit of amity that should distinguish the relations between friendly nations. Politely but firmly the Marshal stopped the conversation on this subject, and the interview was soon brought to a close.

On October 23 M. Tchernych had an official interview with Mr. Kao, Chief of the Central Diplomatic Administration of the Three Eastern Provinces, and presented a statement covering the following seven points for discussion in Mukden:

1.—Navigation on the Sungari and the seizure of the C.E.R. fleet of steamers.

2.—The administration of the C.E.R. schools (which the Chinese had forcibly taken over).

3.—Recognition of the trade unions in the railway zone.

4.—The legal status of the citizens and institutions of the U.S.S.R. in China.

5.—The financing of various Chinese institutions within the railway zone.

6.—The land question.

7.—Other questions which might be raised by either side.

Mr. Kao, however, declined to discuss these matters until he had consulted with the Government, and so far as M. Tchernych was concerned, this interview proved fruitless.

Undeterred by this rebuff the Russian Consul-General stepped into the breach and pressed Mr. Kao the day following for an opportunity to discuss the matters in question. Mr. Kao categorically refused this request on the ground that the questions mentioned were more or less concerned with the Mukden Agreement of 1924, which represented an additional agreement to that reached in Peking between the Chinese and Russian Governments, and, therefore, the Mukden Government categorically refused to discuss the questions independently of the Peking Government especially as there had been established in Peking a special delegation for the negotiation of Sino-Russian affairs. Moreover, this delegation had already waited a long time for the arrival in Peking of M. Tchernych and the other members of the Russian delegation to open these negotiations.

A day or two afterwards another attempt was made to induce the Chinese authorities to reconsider their decision, but this also failed.

Suddenly and unexpectedly, on November 2, M. Tchernych departed for Harbin on the pretext of attending to his private affairs. This did not accord with the information officially reaching here a day or two later. He called on Mr. Yu, the president of the Chinese Eastern Railway, and opened a conversation on railway matters. The president replied that he could not discuss such matters until he had received instructions from Mukden, and it is tolerably certain that M. Tchernych will receive an answer similar to that given him in Mukden.

EUROPEAN'S DEATH.

KILLED INSTANTLY IN CAR ACCIDENT.

Social and business circles in Weltevreden were shocked to learn of the tragic circumstances in which Mr. W. Muurling, chief representative of the Batnafsche Petroleum Maatschappij, was killed as a result of an unfortunate motor accident and which has impressed the European community of Weltevreden.

It appears that Mr. Muurling in the course of his tours of inspection through Java, and who was in the habit of travelling fast by car at night, left his house in Parapattan, Weltevreden, at eight o'clock on November 11 in his seven-seater Buick car for Bandoeng.

His car was driven by his Javanese chauffeur. Mr. Muurling sat next to the chauffeur in front, whilst the assistant chauffeur sat behind. The roads up-country were in bad condition as a result of the recent heavy rains and the risk of skidding was great.

When Mr. Muurling's car, travelling along the road to Bandoeng, reached the summit of the hill at Parangkoeda, close to the "Plancius" dairy-farm, at which point of the road there was a dangerous curve, it is believed the car skidded towards the left edge of the road.

Jumped from the Car.

Mr. Muurling realising the impending danger, as soon as the car reached the edge of the road, jumped out of it in an attempt to save himself at the last moment, and alighted on a tree in a ravine below, but unfortunately before he could move any further the car capsized over the edge of the road into the ravine below and landed up against the tree where Mr. Muurling was, with the result that he was instantaneously killed when the full weight of the car came in direct contact with his body.

A minute or two later, Dr. Olivier, a well known doctor of Weltervreden, who was on his way back to Weltevreden from Soekaboemi where he had gone to attend a patient, noticed what had happened and stopped to render whatever medical assistance he could.

Upon examining Mr. Muurling, he found him with his neck broken and life extinct.

At the time of his death, Mr. Muurling was 51 years of age, in fact in the prime of life, having served the D.E.I. Government in the capacity of adviser on government affairs, when Mr. Talma resigned.

He was also a prominent figure in local social circles and prior to his connection with the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, he had earned for himself a notable military and political record.—"Straits Times."

PITIFUL CASE.

UNEMPLOYED AMERICAN AS A A DRUG ADDICT.

Owen P. Goodwin, described as a vagrant and himself admitting that he was a drug addict, made his appearance before Judge Milton D. Purdy in the United States Court for China, Shanghai, on November 18, charged with vagrancy. Defendant was arrested on September 6, on Broadway, but since his arrest has been in hospital undergoing treatment for the drug habit.

For the prosecution, Mr. H. B. Gallop was called and gave evidence of having been accosted by the defendant outside the Savoy Hotel on the night of September 6. Defendant appeared to be in a sick condition and witness gave him one dollar, but seeing his condition, took pity on him and had him arrested, so that his condition might be brought to the notice of the authorities.

Defendant said that he had lived in Shanghai for four years and had been unemployed for the past year. Formerly he had worked with a tobacco firm but owing to his habit of taking drugs, was unable to get other employment or a job on an outward bound vessel which might take him back to the United States and home. Defendant said that before he was arrested he used to take about four "shots" of morphine a day, at a total cost of about $1. In order to get this money he even pawned his clothes.

The District Attorney described the case as a pitiful one, really a social problem. "The doctor says that if he is permitted to continue taking drugs it will probably end in his death," he said. "The defendant thinks that he has been cured as a result of the hospital treatment but he also thought that six months ago when he underwent similar treatment. He has not the will power to resist the use of drugs. The best thing is to get him out of town and I suggest that he be given a reasonable term of imprisonment in order that he may be shipped back to the United States where he may be properly treated."

Both counsel for the defence and His Honour agreed that it was necessary for the defendant to leave Shanghai, "where drugs are so easily procurable." His Honour, therefore, found Goodwin guilty but deferred sentence in order to find out what are the prospects for getting him back to the United States.

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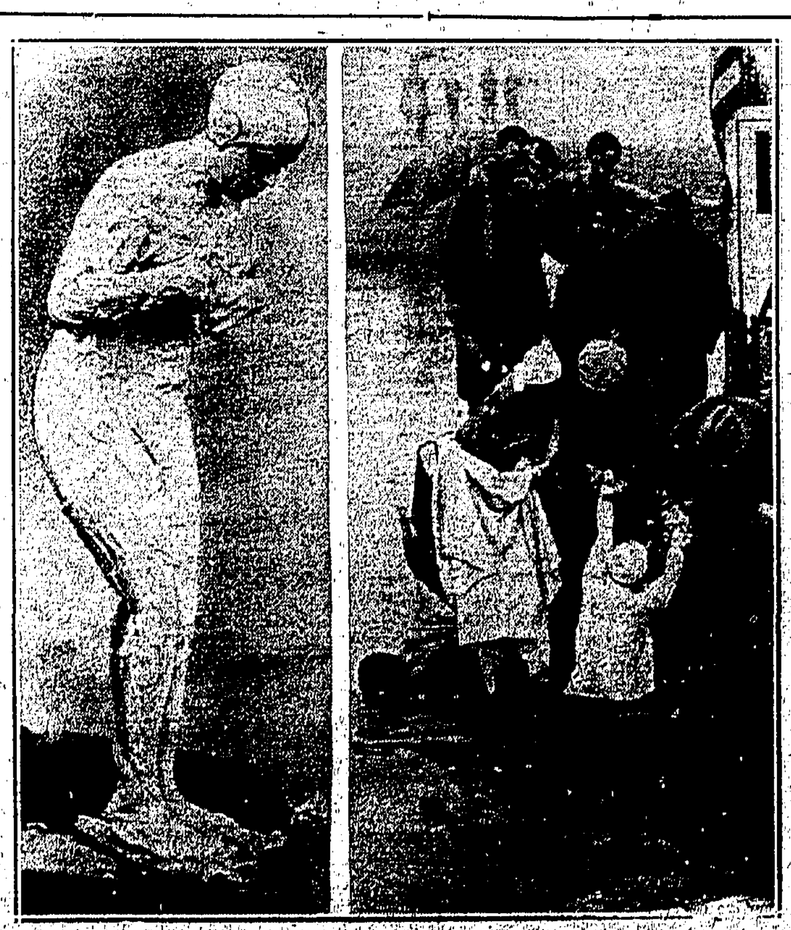

Mrs. Lottie Moore Schoemmel, mother of two children, is shown at the start and finish of the last lap of her record-making swim from Albany to New York. She wore a bathing cap and much grease.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30.	
Shanghai	Sinkiang
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1.	
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Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Asia
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3.	
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30.		
Saigon	Halvard	3.30 p.m.
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Samshui and Wuchow	Kochow	4.30 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY,	DECEMBER 1.	
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and *Haiphong	Hanoi	9.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Borneo	9.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta (Parcels 10 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.	Tilawa	
Wei Hai Wei	Huichow	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	5 p.m.
THURSDAY,	DECEMBER 2.	
Hoihow and Haiphong	Mingsang	8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Sinkiang	8.30 a.m.
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Manila	Empress of Asia	3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kwaisang	5 p.m.
FRIDAY,	DECEMBER 3.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	Noon
Shanghai	Nanning	5 p.m.
SATURDAY,	DECEMBER 4.	
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CAPITAL TAX.

CANTON LEVIES FEE ON BUSINESS.

LICENSING SCALE.

For months merchants in Canton have watched with alarm the proposal to levy a tax on capital.

The scheme is under the control of the Department of Industry which now announces a rule for the registration of commercial houses. A fee is charged in ratio to the capital.

It should be noted that the fee is not payable only on what is commonly known as joint stock companies or limited liability concerns, but on all businesses.

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DELUGE OF LIQUOR.

A GIGANTIC RUM-RUNNING ENTERPRISE.

BANKER'S SON INVOLVED.

Boston, Nov. 29.

Government agents are jubilant over the indictment of forty people alleged to be interested in a gigantic rum-running enterprise, the principal figure of which is the son of a very respectable New York banker, who is charged with financing the project.

The agents declare that the rum-runners intended to deluge the United States in liquor, their ships carrying a million dollars' worth every trip.

Many minor bank officials are concerned. The headquarters of the syndicate were high-class real estate offices in Broadway, New York, their ramifications extending to two continents.

The plot was discovered through the seizure in August of the steamer "Cretan" with a cargo of alcohol valued at $800,000.—Reuter's American Service.

PROPOSED INQUIRY.

LABOUR IN EASTERN COUNTRIES.

QUESTION IN COMMONS.

London, Nov. 29.

In the House of Commons, the Under Secretary of State for India, Earl Winterton told a questioner that he had received a communication from the Government of India regarding the suggestion that the international labour organisation call a conference of representatives of India, Japan and China. Earl Winterton said the Government of India would prefer to await the results of the documentary enquiry now being conducted by the International Labour Office into the conditions of work in Eastern countries.—Reuter.

FIELD MARSHAL.

GENERAL SIR CLAUD JACOB PROMOTED.

Rugby, Nov. 29.

The King has approved the promotion to the rank of Field-Marshal of General Sir Claud Jacob, in succession to Field Marshal Sir Arthur Barrett, deceased.—British Wireless Service.

General Sir Claud Jacob entered the army in 1882, serving much of his time in India, where he became Commander-in-Chief in 1925. Besides seeing active service on the North-Western Frontier in 1901 and 1902, he served in the war from 1914 to 1918, being wounded and being mentioned in dispatches ten times.

COAL PEACE.

Emergency Regulations Unnecessary.

PROMISE OF REPEAL.

80 Per Cent. of the Miners To Be At Work.

London, Nov. 29.

In the House of Commons, during the debate on the motion continuing in force the emergency powers regulations, the Labour M.P., Mr. Tom Williams, declared them unnecessary, inasmuch as 80 per cent. of the miners would be working during the next 24 hours.

The Home Secretary, Sir Wm. Joynson Hicks said that if that statement were approximately correct, he would ask His majesty to hold a Privy Council on December 2 to abolish the regulations.—Reuter.

Repeal on Thursday.

Rugby, Nov. 29.

In the course of the debate in the House of Commons on the renewal of the Emergency Regulations, the Home Secretary, Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks, announced that if, as had been stated during the debate, 80 per cent. of the miners were ready to return to work, he would advise revocation of the regulations next Thursday.—British Wireless Service.

Government Upheld.

London, Nov. 29.

The House of Commons finally voted for continuance of the emergency regulations by 193 votes 76 to.—Reuter.

Resumptions Expected.

Rugby, Nov. 29.

A general resumption of work in several important coalfields is taking place to-day.

Settlement terms for Yorkshire accepted by the Miners' Council were recommended to meetings of the men yesterday for acceptance, and their decision will be reported to-day. If the terms are ratified, an agreement will be signed this evening. Durham miners will ballot to-day. Cumberland miners' leaders after week-end consultations with the men will also report to the owners to-day, and an agreement is expected.

South Wales is taking a ballot returnable to-morrow on whether the negotiations shall be re-opened. On a favourable result a joint meeting will be immediately arranged. South Wales will probably agree to settle, but even there the terms may be agreed on before the end of the week.

In the small districts numbers of men are already working, and formal negotiations will be carried through in a few days.—British Wireless Service.

RECORD LEVEL.

REMARKABLE AMERICAN PROSPERITY.

LIVING STANDARD UNEQUALLED.

Washington, Nov. 29.

The Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Herbert Hoover, in his annual report of the Commerce Department, says that the material condition of the people of the United States rose last year to an unparalleled level. The country maintained the highest standard of living in its history—far above that of any other country.

The only unsatisfactory aspects the report points out were the low prices of farmers' produce, the failure of one or two industries, including the toxtile and bituminous coal operations, to enjoy full activity.

The report shows that although foreign trade slightly declined on the export side in dollars, it steadily grew in volume, being greater than that of last year. Financial and banking activities showed many new high records.—Reuter's American Service.

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MORE THAN A NAME.

BRITISH EMPIRE'S REAL UNITY.

CARDINAL PRINCIPLES.

London, Nov. 29.

The Secretary for Dominions and Colonies, Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, in a brief summary of the general outcome of the conference in the House of Commons, said that basing ourselves on the two cardinal principles which govern the relationship between Britain and the Dominions, namely their complete equality of status and unity under a common Crown, we had succeeded in giving a clearer expression of that equality in matters of constitutional procedure, while we had arrived at practical conclusions in our methods of co-operation in foreign affairs, defence, migration, trade, communications and scientific research, which he believed would contribute greatly to strengthening that unity.

Replying to Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour), Mr. Amery said he emphatically would not subscribe to the alleged American press comment that the Empire now only exists in name.—Reuter.

Hertzog At Lisbon.

Lisbon, Nov. 29.

General Hertzog, Prime Minister of South Africa, who called here on his way home from the Imperial Conference in London has embarked for South Africa after two days' conversations with the Portuguese Ministers on questions affecting South Africa and Mozambique which it is hoped will prove the basis for the conclusion of an agreement in South Africa. The visit is still more significant as the first occasion a Premier of Britain or the Dominions has officially visited Lisbon.—Reuter.

EUROPE'S SECURITY.

SETTLING THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM.

Rugby, Nov. 29.

Conversations on outstanding points of the German disarmament question are likely to take place when the Foreign Ministers of the Powers concerned meet at Geneva next week.

It has been a disappointment to the British Government that matters outstanding which, compared with those on which an agreement has been reached, seemed capable of easy adjustment should have delayed a final settlement.

The British Government desire the withdrawal of the Allied Military Commission of Control at the earliest possible moment, and in pursuance of this aim have circulated a memorandum to the Powers which is described as the minimum programme with which Germany should be asked to comply, in order that the Commission of Control should be withdrawn and any investigations subsequently found necessary placed in the hands of a committee of the League of Nations.

It is maintained that the issues should be examined in the light of the desire for general appeasement and security in Europe.

The Ambassadors' Conference again had the issue under consideration, and efforts were directed to smoothing out existing difficulties in order to facilitate next week's conversations. The official communique stated, "Outstanding questions were studied with the desire of hastening their settlement within possible limits."

Questions of illegal associations of police, and other points upon which full satisfaction has not yet been given, are being dealt with seriatim according to the intrinsic merits of each, and it is hoped a foundation is being laid which will make possible rapid and early progress.—British Wireless Service.

CHESS THRILL.

10-HOUR GAME'S EXCITING FINISH.

Berlin, Nov. 29.

With a total of seven points, Boguljubeff won the International chess tournament, after an exciting finish drawing a 10-hour game with Rubinstein.

The latter fought hard to secure a win which would have given him a tie for first place.—Reuter.

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